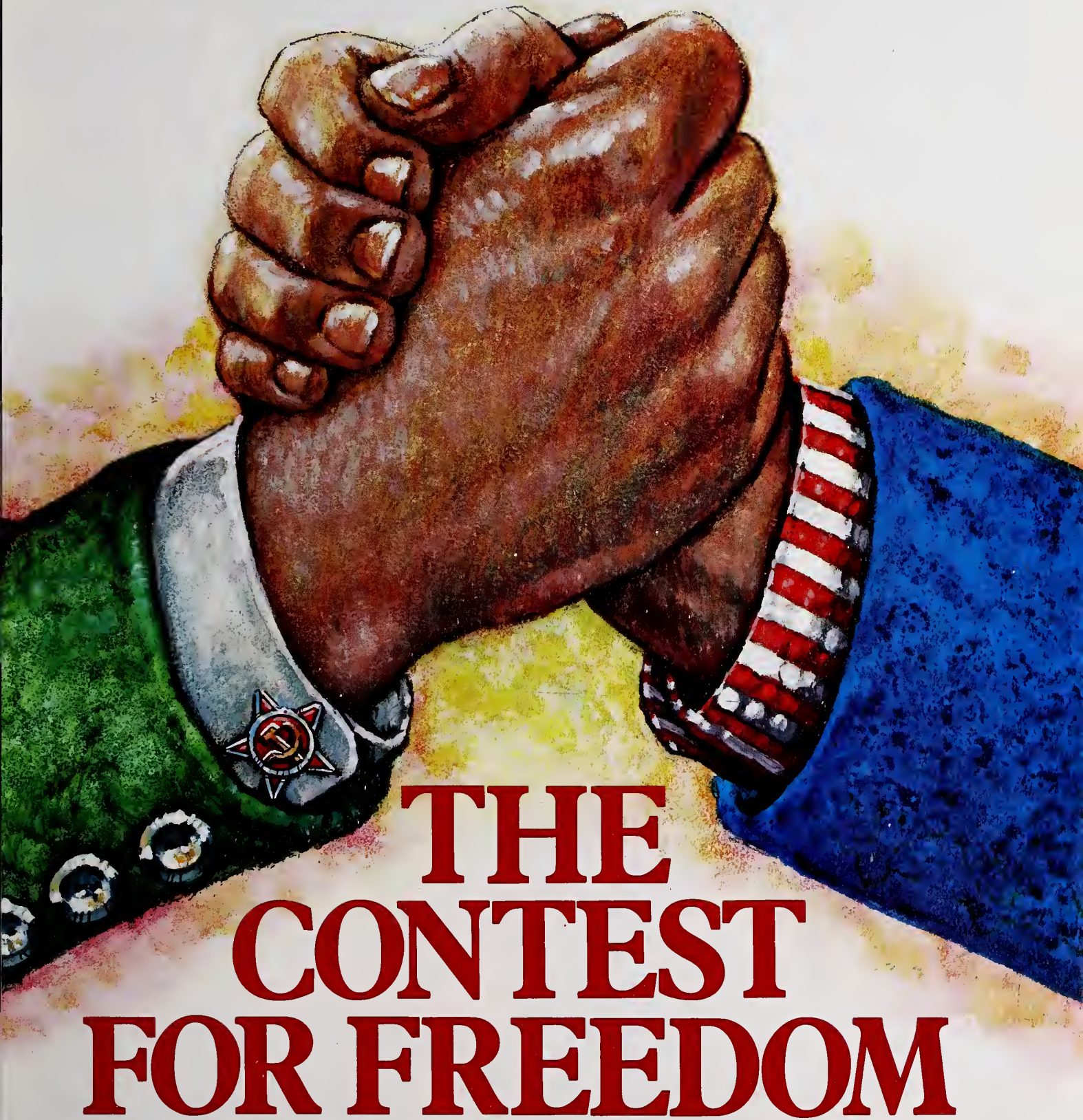


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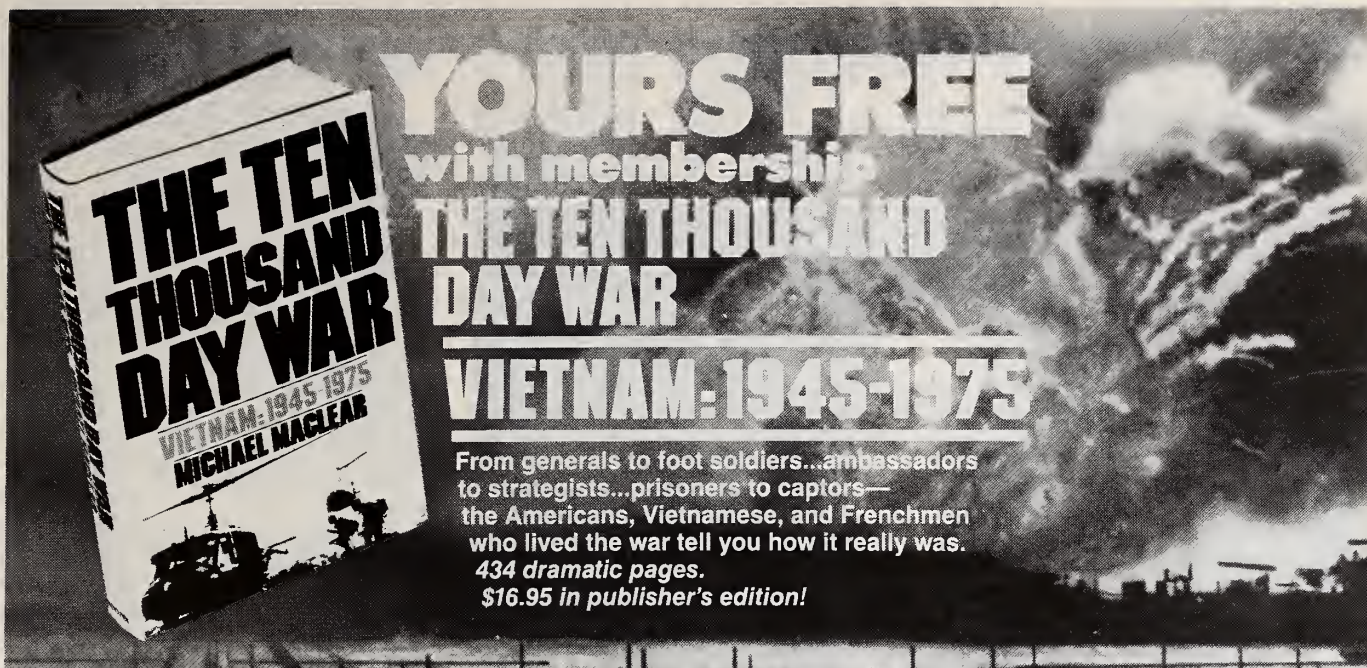
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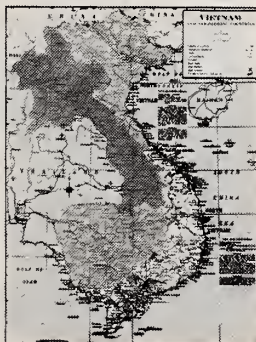
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*Jack W. Flynt*

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I have always known—as do most of you—that The American Legion is made up of dedicated Americans. Yet not until my year as your National Commander was I able to see the incredible depth and breadth of commitment to service evidenced by our members on every level of the Legion. Not until this year was I able to fully grasp the complete impact we have in seeing that this nation continues to be the best in the world.

I would like to review a few of the initiatives and actions taken by the Legion during my tenure as National Commander. But of greater importance is the understanding that these Legion success stories of the past year, rather than being incidents isolated in time, represent our ongoing process of building for the future. For while we shall always pay homage to the past, our worth must be found in meeting the challenges of the future.

Veterans programs this past year have come under concerted attack on Capital Hill—both from within and

without the government—as misguided champions of reduction in federal spending sought to achieve their aims with a broad and indiscriminate sword. I appeared before both the House and Senate Committees on Veterans Affairs to remind Congress that it is the position of The American Legion that national defense is our nation's highest priority. But second only to our security and defense requirements are veterans benefits. And I reminded them of their own commitment; that as America's leaders they sent our youth into the fearful business of war with promises of care. There is no budgetary consideration that transcends the moral obligation of providing that care.

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# Letters

U.N.

• I heartily commend Philip C. Clarke for his excellent article, "Battling Back At The U.N." (June). His description of the organization's sullied background confirms the reason why so many Americans doubt the U.N.'s honesty and overall worth. His high tribute to Ambassador Jeane Kirkpatrick is well merited. Her understanding of the duplicity of various delegations, and her fearless efforts to combat unworthy practices, are, unfortunately, traits too rare in today's world.

GEORGE L. INFANTE,

Commander

Albany, N.Y., Post 30

• It appears that the United States is being excellently represented by Ambassador Kirkpatrick. I agree with her that enough is enough. Perhaps if the sleeping giant had been awake, the bombing of Pearl Harbor could have been avoided. I am one of the untold numbers of Americans who are fed up with seeing their tax dollars used to support an organization so insulting to its host. It is high time that the costs be distributed according to the voting power of the members.

LARRY D. HOLMAN

Oak Harbor, Wash.

Tin Cup

• Ernest Cuneo states in "The Saber And The Tin Cup" (June), that "Russia is desperate because all signs say that Communism is beginning slowly to sink into the bloody quagmire of its own creation." Should this be the case, we might expect that before it comes to pass the Kremlin will play its final nuclear trump card, unless an effective accord has been achieved beforehand between the Soviets and the West.

JOHN J. KOSKI

Redgranite, Wis.

The Cooler

• I was impressed by Douglas Starr's article "To The Cooler" (March). It was indeed an emotionally charged reunion with "no Nazi" Herman Glemnitz.

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As to his response to the question about what he had learned from his wartime experience, he replied, wisely, that he hadn't learned much that he hadn't already known. Did he mean, perhaps, that he knew then as well as now that we Americans are a rather naive breed?

FREDERICK SCHEER

Bronx, N.Y.

IRAs

• The discussion of retirement investment programs in "News To Use" (April), was most informative. However, of the wide choice of plans offered, mention was not made of the approximately 2,000 life insurance companies offering IRA plans through their annuity funding vehicle. The return is competitive and it can be paid out for a life income at retirement, which banks and savings and loans do not offer.

T.M. SUNTRUP

Union, Mo.

Faith

• I was very moved by Capt. Gerald L. Coffee's message in "From Faith To Commitment: A Veteran's Perspective" (May). This article should be read into the Congressional Record, and also should become required reading in the public schools in the United States. When has anyone spoken so sincerely and eloquently about American patriotism?

DONALD FAZAKAS

Morristown, N.J.

Talking Magazine

• I wish to thank The American Legion Magazine for the monthly records received by my husband, Oscar A. Swanson. He is 87 and blind. Words cannot express what these monthly records mean to him. With his alert mind, the Talking American Legion Magazine and the Library of Congress's Talking Books Program keep him in touch with and understanding the news of the world.

EDNA O. SWANSON

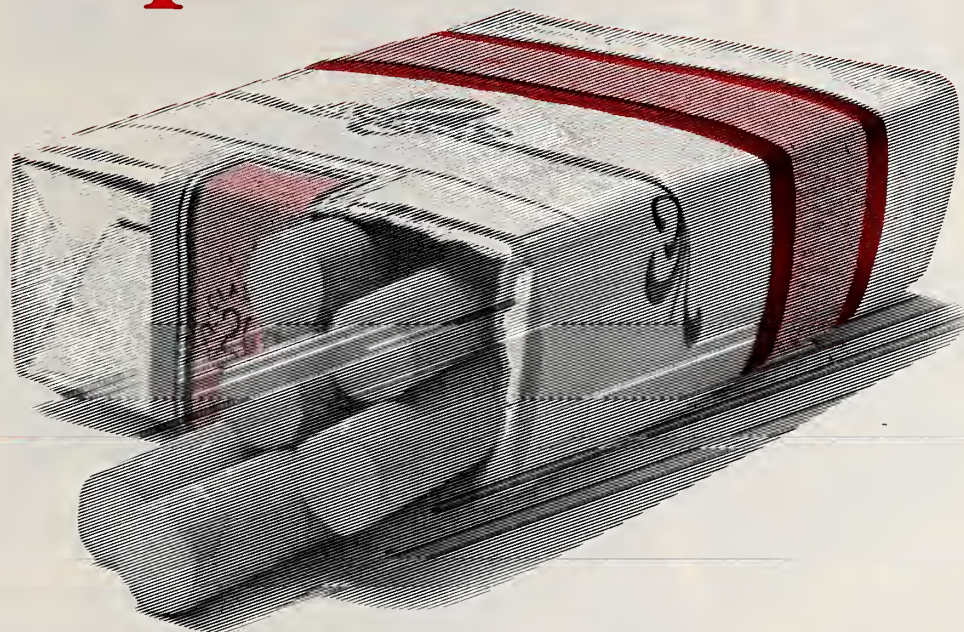
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VA Hospitals

• I read with great interest and agreement "A System Under Attack" (May). (Continued on page 41)



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35-44	43,200	37,800	32,400	27,000	21,600	16,200	10,800	5,400
45-54	21,120	18,480	15,840	13,200	10,560	7,920	5,280	2,640
55-59	11,520	10,080	8,640	7,200	5,760	4,320	2,880	1,440
60-64	7,680	6,720	5,760	4,800	3,840	2,880	1,920	960
65-69	4,800	4,200	3,600	3,000	2,400	1,800	1,200	600
70-74*	3,168	2,772	2,376	1,980	1,584	1,188	792	396
75*-Over	2,400	2,100	1,800	1,500	1,200	900	600	300
<b>Prorated Premium†</b>	<b>\$64</b>	<b>\$56</b>	<b>\$48</b>	<b>\$40</b>	<b>\$32</b>	<b>\$24</b>	<b>\$16</b>	<b>\$8</b>

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1. Present occupation? \_\_\_\_\_ Are you now actively working?  
Yes ☐ No ☐ If no, give reason \_\_\_\_\_
2. Have you been confined in a hospital within the last year? No ☐ Yes ☐ If yes, give date, length of stay and cause \_\_\_\_\_
3. During the last five years, have you had heart disease, circulatory disease, kidney disease, liver disease, lung disease, diabetes, or cancer, or have you had or received treatment or medication for high blood pressure or alcoholism? No ☐ Yes ☐ If yes, give details \_\_\_\_\_

I represent that to the best of my knowledge, all statements and answers recorded on this enrollment card are true and complete. I agree that this enrollment card shall be a part of any insurance granted upon it under the policy. I authorize any physician or other person who has attended or examined me, or who may attend or examine me, to disclose or to testify to any knowledge thus acquired.

Dated \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_ Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_  
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I have received and read the Notice of Disclosure of Information at left. Further, I authorize any physician, medical practitioner, hospital, clinic, or other medical or medically related facility, insurance company, the Medical Information Bureau or other organization, institution or person having any records or knowledge of me or of my health to give Transamerica Occidental Life Insurance Company any such information.

A photographic copy of this authorization shall be as valid as the original.

Dated \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_ Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I apply for additional Legion Life Insurance. My present certificate number is \_\_\_\_\_







# Big Issues

## Is A Nuclear Arms Freeze Advisable?



Sen. Edward  
M. Kennedy  
(D-Mass.)

**Yes.** The most important issue we will ever face is the prevention of nuclear war. The Reagan administration's opening proposal for START negotiations is inadequate because it permits both sides to accelerate the arms race with a rapid, dangerous buildup of nuclear weapons. A freeze first, followed by reductions, offers the best hope to stop the arms race before it stops the human race.

The Kennedy-Hatfield Resolution calls for a mutual, verifiable freeze on nuclear weapons with the Soviet Union, followed by major reductions in the arsenals of each. The chief arguments of the administration against the resolution are that it may lock the U.S. into a position of inferiority and that a freeze may not be verifiable. In fact, a mutual and verifiable nuclear weapons freeze would enhance, not reduce, American national security.

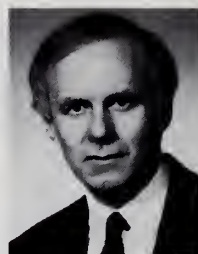
The U.S. and the U.S.S.R. are roughly equal in nuclear strength. We are ahead in some areas; they in others. For example, the U.S.S.R. has 7,500 strategic nuclear warheads, the U.S. has 9,400. Most important, the United States is fully capable of defending itself by retaliating against any Soviet attack. I have never heard any American military official say he would be willing to trade our nuclear forces for those of the Russians.

The administration opposes a freeze because it wants to build more nuclear weapons. But while the U.S. builds more, the Soviet Union will not be idle. History demonstrates the Soviets will match us every step and every missile in the futile and increasingly dangerous quest for nuclear superiority. A freeze would halt the deployment of their more powerful weapons on the drawing boards—including the Typhoon submarine and a follow-on generation of missiles to the current SS-18 and SS-19. It would save \$20 billion a year and permit strengthening our conventional forces, where we need to do more.

Our resolution does not depend on trusting the Soviets. It specifically calls for a verifiable freeze. What could not be verified would not be frozen. Many experts agree that a freeze is verifiable, including former CIA Director William Colby, and former CIA Deputy Director Herbert Scoville.

Arms control is not a favor to the Soviets. We can and must reach a freeze agreement because both of us prefer extinction to extinction.

Sen. Mark Hatfield and I recently authored, *Freeze! How You Can Help Prevent Nuclear War*, which details the reasons for a nuclear weapons freeze and describes the steps that citizens can take to support this effort. The campaign for a nuclear weapons freeze is winning the support of increasing numbers of Americans, regardless of their political preferences. It deserves to become the policy of our government.



Sen. Gordon  
J. Humphrey  
(R-N.H.)

**No.** I recognize and fully share the deep concern Americans have over the risk of a nuclear war. I am firmly committed to efforts that will reduce that risk.

The catastrophic consequences of another world war—with or without nuclear weapons—make deterrence of conflict our highest objective and our only rational military strategy.

A nuclear freeze in itself would not promote stability and reduce the risk of war. Rather, a nuclear freeze resulting in unequal levels of arms on either side may well encourage future coercion or aggression.

It is important to note that a freeze at existing levels would leave the United States in a position of military disadvantage and vulnerability. Substantial improvements in the force of Soviet intercontinental ballistic missiles, for example, have given the Soviet Union the means to destroy a large part of our missile force. In addition, there are about 600 Soviet medium-range missiles capable of striking our NATO allies. These missiles are not offset by any comparable U.S. systems. Any freeze would prevent us from correcting these serious deficiencies in our nuclear forces.

Not only would a freeze at present unequal levels lock us into a precarious military position, but it would most likely make significant arms control more difficult. The Soviets would have little incentive to agree to reductions in strategic and intermediate-range nuclear arms if they were allowed to simply freeze the current military situation. If we are to secure genuine and lasting restraint on Soviet military programs and intervention, then we must establish firm criteria for arms control before entering into binding agreements.

I am concerned that a freeze on all testing, production and deployment of nuclear weapons would be impossible to verify, leaving us with considerable uncertainty about Soviet compliance.

For some time now, suspicions have grown that the Soviet Union has not been living up to its obligations under existing arms control treaties. We simply cannot afford to base our national security on trust of the Soviets.

President Reagan recently proposed a practical, phased nuclear reduction plan to the Soviets. It would not only constrain growth, but actually reduce present nuclear warhead arsenals by at least a third to equal levels. In each phase he insisted on verification procedures to insure compliance with the agreement.

The proposal would achieve what a freeze does not provide for—significant nuclear reductions, while maintaining a capability sufficient to deter conflict, underwrite our national security and meet our commitments to allies and friends.

We can only hope the Soviets will come to the bargaining tables in good faith. If they are ready for an honest agreement, I am sure we will produce one.





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# Dateline Washington

## Open Season On Gov't Computers

Since computers have taken over much of the paper work in the federal government, employees are finding it easy to keep busy by retrieving and misusing sensitive information from computer banks, according to the General Accounting Office (GAO).

Few federal agencies have taken steps to protect classified materials stored in their computers, says GAO, and this factor has encouraged abuse. In citing examples, the GAO reports that a Transportation Department clerk used the computer to steal more than \$800,000, while Internal Revenue Service employees entered false information into the computer system, directing refunds to themselves and others.

At present, few senior managers realize how easily accessible data is and, according to the GAO, as these systems expand they will become even more vulnerable to misuse. The agency urges that departments establish cost-effective administrative, physical and technical controls to protect highly sensitive materials from further abuse.

## Cleaning Up The Waters We Drink

The federal government has expended some \$30 billion in recent years to clean up the surface waters that we drink. Around the country, wastewater treatment plants have been constructed, and a super fund was created by Congress to prevent future tragedies, like Love Canal, in which chemicals dumped into the waters affected the lives of people living nearby.

Now there's a strong push in Congress to clean up the underground waters too. Pending legislation calls for state-run management and protection programs for sole-source aquifers—a groundwater reservoir which provides a specific population area with its only source of water for drinking purposes. The aquifers are being threatened by pollution, and a number of public supply wells have already been abandoned.

More than 90 percent of the rural population, it is estimated, is dependent on underground water for their drinking supply, and millions of Americans in cities and suburbs are similarly dependent, according to the bill's sponsors.

## Congress Focuses On Drunk Driving

Even as a number of states are raising the drinking age to curb the rising death rates on the nation's highways, a flurry of bills are rousing Congress to take action against drunken motorists.

Legislation being urged on Capitol Hill would require the 50 states to adopt mandatory drunk-driving enforcement programs, including license revocation, in order to be eligible for federal highway funds. The legislators are distressed over the growing peril on the roads, with 26,000 Americans killed annually, and a million more injured, due to booze behind the wheel, according to data cited on the House floor.

Proponents of the license revocation measure charge that many of the fatal accidents on our nation's highways are caused by repeat offenders who are too easily permitted to drive again. They argue that recent crackdowns in some areas against drunk driving have resulted in fewer accidents.

## PEOPLE & QUOTES

**Our Hope For Russia**—"It is our fondest hope that with an active yet prudent national security policy, we might one day convince the leadership of the Soviet Union to turn their attention inward, to seek the legitimacy that only comes from the consent of their own people." **William P. Clark**, assistant to the President for National Security Affairs.

**Right And Wrong**—"Heroes stand for what is right. If someone is your hero, it's because that person does what you would like to see accomplished. But there is a prevailing attitude today that there are no *right* answers, which is a way of saying that there is no *right* and *wrong*. Our young people are unable to talk about right and wrong; they don't know the language of ethics and religion..." **Kenneth E. Clark**, psychology professor, University of Rochester.

**Constant Preparedness**—"A society that has shunned militarism throughout its history must nonetheless recognize that constant military preparedness is essential in the face of a continuing threat to the nation's security—a threat that continues to grow with a remorseless and unprovoked buildup of a global offensive capability by the Soviet Union." Sen. **John Tower**, R-Texas.

**Lovers And Runners Give Hope**—"...For years, lovers seemed to me to be proof that the world would go on. Now marathon runners, gathering by thousands in cities all over the world to pursue the horizons of fatigue and self-esteem, contribute equally to hopefulness. They both—lover and runner—mean to celebrate the spread of good news." **John Cheever**, novelist.

**Reserved Response**—"I suppose I'm against it, with reservations. You could state it the other way around too." **Paul A. Volcker**, chairman, Federal Reserve Board.

**U.S.—A Growth Stock**—"When I say that America is the wealthiest and most asset-rich country in the world, it is not to brag, but to state a fact, and a balance sheet fact that I believe most people in America are not aware of. I believe that America Inc. is the most underpriced stock on the board today. Judging from the continuing flow of investment capital into the U.S., people in Europe, in the Middle East and Asia know America Inc. is a great bargain selling well below book value." **David Mahoney**, Chief Executive Officer, Norton Simon Inc.

**Silence Talks**—"It's the silence that matters, not the applause. Anyone can have applause. But the silence, before and during the playing—that is everything." **Vladimir Horowitz**, pianist.

**An Imperfect World**—"We live in an imperfect world. Most people are badly governed, and always have been. We wish we had (only) allies who were democratic and well-governed, (but) we still have to look after ourselves and freedom in the world. Therefore, sometimes we are going to have to support and associate with governments who do not meet our standards..." **Jeane Kirkpatrick**, U.S. Ambassador to the U.N.

**The Best Available**—"Democratic capitalism is neither the Kingdom of God nor without sin. Yet all other known systems of political economy are worse." **Michael Novak**, writer.

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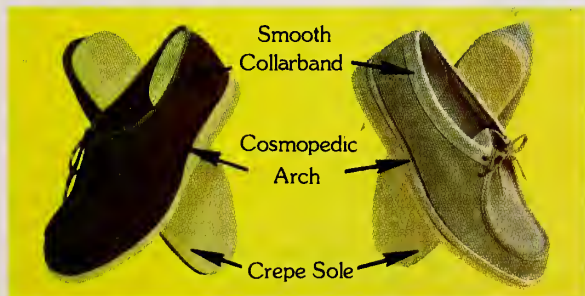
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# Nostalgia a la mode

By Ruth Pittman

What image fills your mind's eye when you hear the words "ice cream?" Is it a crispy, brown cone topped with melting globes of strawberry? Or do you picture an oblong dish heaped with several flavors awash in syrup and flanked by strips of banana? Perhaps your imagination conjures up a simple glass bowl filled with scoops of dark, delicious chocolate. Whatever the flavor and style of service you prefer, if you're an average American, you'll enjoy the creamy sweetness of nearly 20 quarts of ice cream this year.

Such hearty consumption is a good indication of the popularity of this ancient food, esteemed by Americans as something more than a delicious treat. An institution in the United States, ice cream has long been as traditional as bunting at a Fourth of July picnic. Since Colonial days, U.S. residents—including George Washington—have enjoyed the frosty dessert, and Dolley Madison is reported to have delighted her guests with an "ice cream spectacular."





It didn't originate in this country, though, and its birth is veiled by the years, but some historians think the Biblical "milk and honey" might have been ice cream. The Chinese, 3,000 years ago, mixed snow and fruit juice to make frosty desserts; Alexander the Great, in the fourth century B.C., enjoyed a mixture of honey, fruit juice and milk, frozen in snow and carried down the mountains by relays of slaves. Carolyn Hall, in her book "I Love Ice Cream" suggests that Marco Polo sampled ice cream in the Orient and took the recipe back to Venice.

Catherine de Medici is believed to have introduced frozen desserts to France in the 16th century, and Charles I of England regularly enjoyed "creme ice." About 1700, an anonymous writer turned out an 84-page manuscript that contained precise instructions for making apricot, violet, rose, chocolate and caramel ice creams. "The Art of Cooking Made Easy," published in 1746 and the first major cookbook to be written by a woman, also included a formula for ice cream. The first significant variation on that formula was tortoni, a mixture of macaroons, rum and ice cream concocted by the chef at the Cafe Napolitain in Paris and named for its proprietor.

Exactly when ice cream crossed the Atlantic isn't certain, but a letter written in 1700 by a guest of Gov. William Bladen of Maryland tells of eating a curious dessert composed of ice cream and strawberries. The first advertisement for the frozen mix is believed to be one that appeared in the New York Gazette of May 12, 1777. Somewhat later, during the summer of 1790, George Washington ran up a bill of about \$200 with an ice cream merchant in New York.

Almost as soon as ice cream arrived, however, American ingenuity started trying to change it. In 1846, the crank-type freezer was born, invented by Nancy Johnson who failed to patent her brain child and so reaped little reward other than the gratitude of ice cream lovers. Just five years later, Joseph Fussell, a moderately successful milk dealer, opened the first ice cream plant in Baltimore.

During the fall of 1874, when Philadelphia hosted a celebration in honor of the Franklin Institute, Robert M. Green was selling soft drinks composed of sweet cream, syrups and carbonated water. When his supply of cream ran out soon after opening, he substituted vanilla ice cream, thereby creating the ice cream soda; his business multiplied

a hundred-fold. By 1893, the soda was known as the national beverage.

Before long, however, the more staid members of the clergy declared sipping sodas on Sunday to be a sinful pastime and denounced it from their pulpits. In Evanston, Ill., a law was passed making the Sunday sale of the bubbly beverage illegal. Legend says that an enterprising fountain owner devised the "sundae" to circumvent that law.

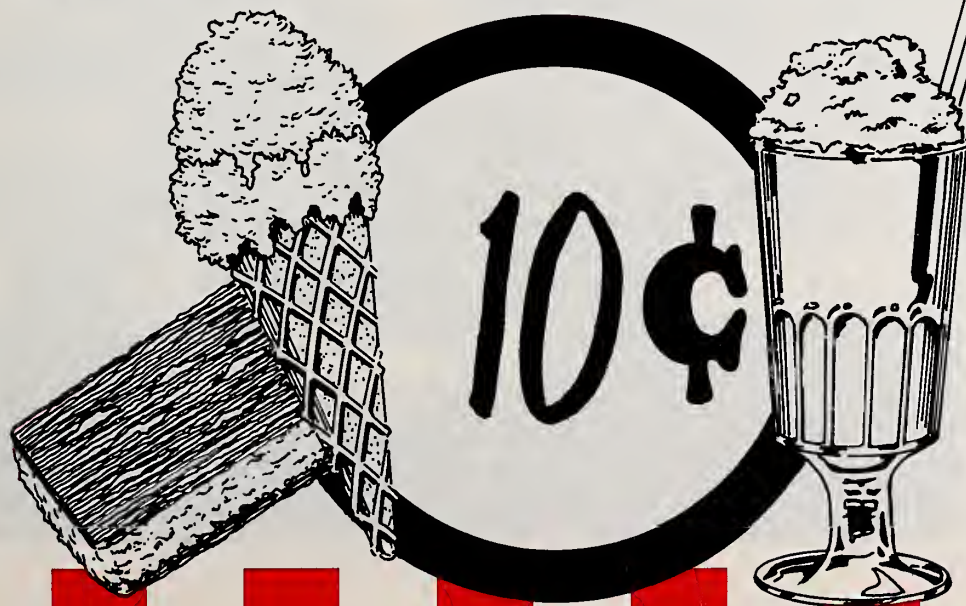
Around the turn of the century several instantly popular forms of what was rapidly becoming the nation's favorite food slipped onto the scene. No theory about their birth has ever been advanced and nobody has claimed credit for the creation of the ice cream sandwich, the banana split and the ice cream float.

Invention of the ice cream cone, on the other hand, was claimed by several people. The classic cone, considered to be one of the great designs of this century, is the ultimate recyclable container and it's not surprising that people would vie for title of its father. One of the more believable claimants was Abe Doumar of Jersey City, N.J. Doumar said that when he was selling souvenirs at the St. Louis Exposition of 1904, he overheard another vendor saying he had run out of dishes in which to serve ice cream. Doumar claimed he then suggested that the vendor buy thin Persian waffles that were being hawked on the midway nearby, roll them into cornucopias while still warm and fill them with ice cream. Charles E. Menches agrees that the cone was derived at the St. Louis fair, but claims *he* was the inventor.

In any event, Doumar returned to New Jersey to set up a stand at Little Coney Island where he sold hundreds of the new treats to delighted customers. In 1906, he opened an ice cream parlor in Norfolk, Va. That shop is still doing business, operated by Doumar's two sons who say they sell as many as 150 gallons of ice cream a week, often to the third generation of their patrons.

About the time Doumar was setting up shop, Clarence Clifton Brown opened his ice cream parlor in Los Angeles. It was there, he says, in the shop called C.C. Brown's, that he served the world's first hot fudge sundae. A new owner has taken over, but you can still sample that luscious chocolate delight in Hollywood, where the parlor has been operating since 1928.

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By David M. Abshire

During the 1980s the ebb and flow of world events tell us that we face a turning point of incalculable importance. The turning may indeed have already begun, although we do not yet have clear indications of just where our world is headed.

Will the turning be comparable to the sacking of Rome in the fifth century? To the defeat of Napoleon at Waterloo in 1815? Will we see the breakup of the alliance system of nations? Will Europe become neutralized under Soviet hegemony? Or will the Soviet Empire collapse as some of our leaders in Washington predict? The drama of the turning will be thrilling to observe—*except we cannot merely observe*. All of us, and all that we possess, will be involved in the turning.

With a proper strategy,  
organization and leadership, the  
defense of democracies should be no problem

While we are vulnerable to vast changes, so, too, are the Soviets.

Let us consider the seven greatest vulnerabilities that the United States faces in the 1980s and then consider the seven greatest that the Soviet Union faces in this same decade.

Before discussing them it should be noted that many vulnerabilities can, and probably will, interact and they might even create a syndrome of crises which can go past our control.

*What are our vulnerabilities?*

*First: Strategic Nuclear Vulnerability.* Our strategic superiority has evaporated and the Soviets are creeping toward superiority of their own. No one should be surprised, since the Soviets have been spending twice as much on defense as we. Between 1965 and 1979, for example, they developed seven ICBMs to each of ours. Not satisfied to increase their striking power against the United States, the Soviets introduced the SS-20 missiles that can strike virtually any military targets in Europe. Meanwhile, our improved NATO capabilities such as

# The Contest For Freedom





the Pershing II missile will not be introduced until the middle of the decade, if at all.

The Soviets are, of course, positioning themselves to be able to blackmail Europe.

As an Assistant Secretary of State in 1972, I helped sell SALT I to the Congress with the hope that we could reach an accord and break the momentum of the Soviet build-up. Plainly, that did not happen. No one has accused Jimmy Carter's Secretary of Defense, Harold Brown, of being an avid hawk, but he appropriately said, "We build, they build; we don't build, they build."

Fortunately our government is now feverishly working to close the deterrent gap, and put arms control negotiations on a sound basis. These two moves are more than glimmers of hope for us.

*Second: The Conventional Vulnerability.* Traditionally, NATO has always had, and still does have, conventional forces inferior to those of the Soviet dominated Warsaw Pact nations. Until recently our weakness

in conventional forces was offset by our nuclear superiority. Now we have superiority in neither nuclear nor conventional capabilities. Despite this, it is ironic to me that some neutralists in Western Europe argue vehemently against NATO introducing theater nuclear weapons to offset the Soviet's powerful SS-20 missiles. At the same time these neutralists are unwilling to support a conventional forces buildup by Allied forces.

*Third: Unconventional Vulnerability.* Low level conflict and terrorism, such as the taking of our hostages in Teheran are a constantly increasing problem. As terrorist means become more destructive, Western societies become increasingly vulnerable with their exposed power grids, slow oil tankers on long journeys, offshore oil facilities, crowded cities and sensitive computer operations. The narrow straits of the world such as Hormuz, which has a channel of only three miles, are subject to relatively easy disruption by unidentified parties.

*Fourth: Resource Insufficiency Vul-*



**The Soviet's only ace  
is their excessive military  
power, but that is a considerable ace**

*nerability.* Much of our resources problem relates to our oil dependency on the Persian Gulf area. We are dependent for up to 20 percent; our NATO allies up to 60 percent; Japan, 83 percent dependent. Japan could not survive a 70-day oil cut off without severe trauma. One can imagine how we and our allies would squabble and jockey for preferred treatment in the case of another cut off.

Another resources dependency relates to strategic minerals—chromium, cobalt, platinum, manganese and others that are essential for industrial purposes. Geography has placed the two main sources in politically unstable Southern Africa and in the Soviet Union.

*Fifth: Our Declining Markets Vulnerability.* Our reduced productivity

and our laws that disadvantage our business operations overseas are tremendous liabilities. Here again the current administration has introduced an economic revitalization package that seeks to reduce inflation, increase savings and expand exports. At last we have a battle plan, but make no mistake about it, the battle still lies ahead. The kind of competition today with foreign autos—especially Japanese—is already occurring in the semi-conductor field.

*Sixth: The Dollar Vulnerability.* Strains on the U.S. domestic and international financial system are great. Inflation is under better control just now, but nobody quite knows the future on interest rates. The international financial system is fragile in several ways: (1) hundreds of billions of Eurodollars overhang the world money markets and no one can fully predict that market's function; (2) while oil prices—due to the present temporary oil glut—have moderated, that is only temporary. High prices drive us toward different forms and uses of energy, such as coal, shale and synfuels. These high prices endanger the stability of Third World countries and make our exports to these countries more difficult to achieve. Partly to finance their oil needs, Third World countries have borrowed \$370 billion from the international banking system. The

banking system overall has over \$1 trillion out in loans. A default by a Third World debtor, or an East European debtor, would send shock waves through the financial system, leading to major bank failures and financial panic.

*Seventh: Alliance Vulnerability.* This is at the vortex of all others, subject to the syndrome of all other crises. Unfortunately that alliance system is in disarray with internal domestic trends increasingly polarized, with factions tending toward neutralism and in some cases downright pacifism.

In the Social Democratic Party in West Germany, Prime Minister Helmut Schmidt is trying to build support for modernization of theater nuclear weapons to offset the potential SS-20 black-

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*An American M48 tank on maneuvers.*

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mail. At the same time, Willy Brandt unofficially goes to Moscow to talk proposals that would in effect freeze the theater nuclear balance in the Soviets' favor.

A large number of West Germans, including some leading industrialists, favor a gas pipeline deal with Moscow that would help their exploration development and transportation of gas and make Western Europe 20 percent dependent for gas on the Soviet Union.

Countries like Denmark are moving in a neutralist direction, and the Netherlands has opted against the nuclear deterrent on its soil. Even leaders of the British Labor Party are arguing against nuclear weapons modernization. France, of course, long ago pulled out of the military side of the Alliance. Now the Mitterrand government has taken French Communists into the Cabinet.

So the closing of the theater deterrent gap is in question.

Energy problems and Mideast relations create cleavages. The U.S.

priority to its Israeli commitments and the West European priority to oil supply and Arab relations pull at the Western alliance. In the midst of all this, the Alliance cries out for a redivision of military burden sharing, since we, not the Europeans, have the Rapid Deployment Force and the majority of the naval forces—over 35 vessels in the Indian Ocean—to help stabilize and defend the area of the world upon which they are far more dependent than we.

The Japanese are even more dependent on Middle Eastern oil than we—over 80 percent. And yet the Japanese—the number two industrial power of the world, protected by our nuclear deterrent umbrella—commits less than 1 percent of its GNP to its own defense.

When I met privately with Japanese Prime Minister Suzuki in Tokyo early last year, I told him that the majority of our \$38 billion defense increase goes for conventional forces—especially for shipbuilding—that could protect the sea lanes, and protect Japan. Prime Minister Suzuki appreciated this, but after his more recent visit with Presi-

dent Reagan, there is little hope for a larger Japanese commitment. The sad conclusion is that our allies—West and East—seem unwilling to adequately defend themselves.

When I was in Peking last year, one old-time Communist leader who disliked the Soviets told me that the Kremlin was itself in deep trouble, but would rely upon the "internal contradictions" of the capitalist countries to destroy us capitalists.

All this at a time when the Soviets face seven deadly vulnerabilities of their own. These seven vulnerabilities, in their own way, could interact and set off their own syndrome of crisis. Their vulnerabilities could drive them to foreign aggression, break up of their empire or reform that seems almost impossible for a Communist to accept. Their *only* ace is their excessive military power, but that is a *considerable* ace.

*First: Soviet Ineptness Vulnerability.* The Soviets are incapable of creating an economy manifesting creativity and incentive. In the late 1950s, Nikita Khrushchev boasted to American visitors that the Soviet Union would beat us economically. Today, the Soviet economic performance 20 years after that boast is a laughing stock compared with our performance. The Soviet citizens face rising prices, social ills and critical shortages. Leonid Brezhnev, in his speeches to his own Central Committee, admitted the critical bottlenecks in the areas of energy, steel and transport. He acknowledged that a parallel economy—on the black market, a capitalistic market at that—was springing up. Cheating and bribery are becoming more common in the Soviet Union. Bureaucratic featherbedding makes corrective measures increasingly difficult over this vast empire.

*Second: Soviet Food Vulnerability.* The Soviets have not been able to effectively grow, transport, process and distribute food for their population. This is why the grain embargo imposed after their invasion of Afghanistan did indeed hurt them.

This failure to develop an effective agricultural sector is of special bother to the Communist leaders. The 1917 Revolution was in part about food and giving a new life to the peasants, all of whom were to reserve the land they tilled. Rather than face the real reform needed to revitalize their economy and their agriculture, it appears that the Soviets will continue to depend upon their adversaries in the West to furnish

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A Soviet "KYN DA" guided missile armed destroyer leader (light cruiser) shown here under way on training ops.



# Combat Art: U.S. Navy



For the salty sailors who have manned the U.S. Navy's ships through America's wars, the men in khaki or dungarees and armed with only a sketch pad and pencil have always seemed a curious breed. But the Navy's combat artists have served to not only document our fights at sea, but also to interpret those fights—with the special skills they bring to the artist's palette.

The art shown here (including, at left, WWII artist Dwight Shepler's watercolor of "First Attack" as seen from the USS San Juan (CL 54) in the Pacific) is just a glimpse at the thousands of pieces of art currently housed in the Navy's Combat Art Museum in the Washington (D.C.) Navy Yard. It is all art, invariably, that focuses on the men—and not the machines—that won America's wars.

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During the Vietnam War, Navy Combat Artist John C. Roach did many pencil sketches of life on aircraft carriers, including "Bomb Loaders Sitting On Bombs" (above) and "Flight Deck Launch" (below). At left, the backbone of any ship's deck crew, the Boatswain's Mate, is shown in Herbert Hahn's study, "Boats."





## By Dana K. Cassell

Timesharing, a catchy real estate idea borrowed from Europe, is sweeping the country. Under the concept, as many as 52 owners can hold title to one apartment. Multiply that by the number of apartments in a typical condominium building and you get an idea of the operation's complexity.

Continuing with our arithmetic, we discover that with units selling for \$5,000 a week (many bring more), a 50-unit building would bring \$13 million up front. Thus, the owner might realize two-and-a-half to three times what he would earn in a sale of the property to one buyer. Is it any wonder that thousands of hotel/motel owners and condominium developers around the country are scrambling to reap the bonanza timesharing offers to a promoter?

On the surface, timesharing looks equally attractive to the consumer. How else can you be assured of vacation accommodations at a luxury resort five years from now at today's prices? Possibly even being able to sell your piece of the pie somewhere down the road and realizing a profit? And the ability to trade your week in sunny Florida for a ski trip to Vail only sweetens the pot. Another attraction is that mortgage money for timeshare loans is usually available; often with no "up front" cash needed at all.

While variations in resort timesharing are endless, there are two basic formats. One is the "condominium" concept, in which the buyer gets a fee ownership to time—for example, the 25th and 26th weeks of the year. He can mortgage it or will it, buy title insur-

leaders being Florida, Hawaii, California and Colorado. Approximately 300,000 Americans have bought timeshare interests in the past five years, and total sales have doubled every year since 1975. Projected sales for 1982 are \$1.5 billion—up from \$300 million in 1978, a seeming contradiction in the midst of a sagging economy.

But not everyone looks at timesharing through such rose-colored glasses. Florida State Attorney David Bludworth thinks timesharing is a house of cards, loaded with potential problems for investors and for the communities in which they're located.

"When you consider what we have gone through here with condominiums, trying to get people who are *living* here most of the year to reach agreements on reserves or major improvements," says Bludworth, "I don't see how thousands of absentee owners are ever going to be able to do it."

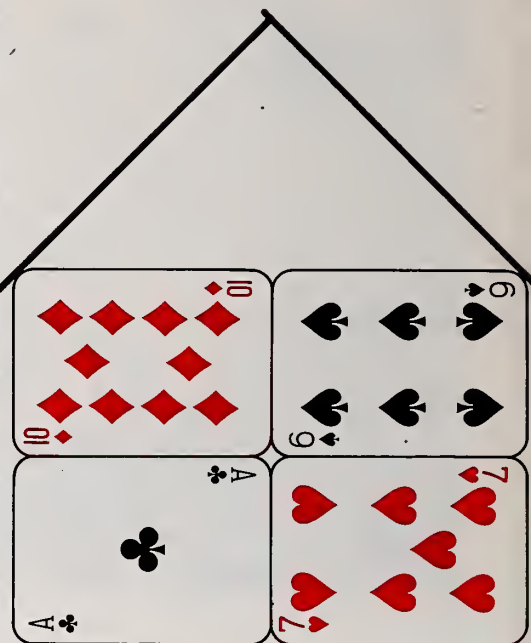
"I've looked at a couple of these resorts, and I don't believe their longevity. Some of these don't have a life expectancy of 25 to 30 years, yet they're selling or leasing them to people around age 40 for the next 25 years or more!"

Bludworth's major concerns are in the legal aspects of timesharing contracts. What happens when after two years the management leaves? Who is going to manage the facility? What if somebody doesn't pay his maintenance fee? Who is going to sue? Who is going to pay the legal fees? All these are problems that are faced in condos where you have in-house residents, but how do you get people to a meeting when half the people are from foreign countries?

"What's going to happen here is that you and I and 48 other people, 20 of them from France and other foreign countries, are going to own this place and we're going to get a letter saying the roof leaks," says Bludworth. "To fix that roof it's going to cost \$40,000 and each one of us has to pay \$800. Suppose one-third of the people don't have it."

What happens then? The people who do the roof will want their money. Somebody is going to have to pay or they are going to put a lien on that building. You, the owner, paid your \$800, can you now remove the lien just for your share of the apartment?

Or can the roofer get a lien on the whole building because the roof covers it? "I think he gets a lien on the whole building," says the State Attorney. "You paid yours and I didn't pay mine, but you still have a lien on your pro-



# Timesharing Penny Wise Or P

erty, so you can't sell your interest without getting rid of my lien. Or suppose somebody comes along and says, 'I want to convert this back to a hotel. I'll give you \$5,000 more than what you paid.' But you've got one person who says, 'I don't want to sell.' The other 49 people can't wait to get out, but one guy says he doesn't want to sell. What happens then?"

Bludworth says he's examined a number of timesharing contracts and potential situations such as these are not covered. "All they say is interval ownership. I own my week; I like my week. The other 49 of you can go jump in the ocean."

Others are not quite so harsh on timesharing, but still have reservations. Alan Schlaifer, an attorney with the Federal Trade Commission who oversees timeshare inquiries, thinks it can be a good arrangement, but he sees

## "...an inflation-proof way of taking care of future vacations."

ance for it or sell it at a profit or loss.

The second approach is the "right to use" concept. There is no deed, but the buyer gets the right to use the space for a specific number of years, after which all rights cease. Under both concepts, the user/buyer also pays an annual maintenance fee for upkeep.

Resorts in more than half the states have timeshare facilities, with the





# Sharing: and Foolish?

some areas people should examine before they buy.

"For example," says Schlaifer, "I think there's been too much emphasis on the potential cost savings. There may be some very big advantages to timesharing, but in some cases there are indications that sellers are doing what is called 'low-balling' — understating the expected annual maintenance fees. At the same time they're doing that, they are also indicating that timesharing is an inflation-proof way of taking care of future vacations.

"Well, in a few instances I've seen the annual fees go up as much as 40 to 100 percent in one year. With the inflation rate under 10 percent, as it was last year, that is not exactly inflation proof!"

Hugh Owen, supervisor for the Florida Division of Land Sales and Condominiums, says that the majority

of complaints his office handles are coming from the condominium time shares. "The problem here is with the rules and regulations which appear to provide for a waiver of the usual 15-day rescission period," says Owen. Originally, this waiver was intended to be a benefit to the purchaser. It was meant to allow a vacationer the flexibility of being able to close and do all the paperwork while he was at the scene, instead of having to complete the transaction by mail or make another trip back.

"Inventive sales people throughout the state see this waiver as a way of getting their money right now," Owen says, "Once the purchaser has signed the waiver of the 15-day period and closed on the contract, everything is valid at that point. The salesman doesn't have to wait 15 days to get his money nor chance losing the sale to buyer's remorse." Unfortunately, this has apparently given rise to misrepresentation toward the waiver. "I have seen some of the waivers that start off by saying, 'I, John Doe, acknowledge that I have toured the project and have seen such and such a unit; that I like what I saw and understand that I am now closing, thereby waiving my right to my 15-day rescission period.' If you were to read the entire waiver," says Owen, "it would be apparent that you are waiving your 15-day rescission period. However, some of the salesmen say, 'This acknowledges that you have toured the project and that you have looked at the site.' So the purchaser reads the first two or three lines, which say exactly what the salesman said, and signs the thing! Our hands are somewhat tied at this point, if in fact they have closed, unless they have evidence of fraudulent misrepresentation, in which case they need to go to the State Attorney's Office and notify us. The division or any other state agency cannot nullify a contract. That can only be accomplished by the parties involved or a court of law."

Owen says that very few of his agency's problems are with the developers, who are usually willing to at least discuss the problem. Current complaints mostly concern overly zealous salesmen.

"If the waiver was done away with," says Owen, "I think the sales approach would do a 180-degree turnaround; because the right-to-use projects have a mandatory 10-day rescission period, and we are getting very few complaints about them."

Regulatory agencies also get very

few complaints about exchange privileges. With most timesharing owners still in their first year or two of ownership and probably still enthralled with their purchase location, the exchange aspect may not have been put to its true test as yet.

As Lew Matusow, spokesman for one of the major commercial exchange organizations explains, "Our biggest problem has always been not having some sort of pressure on the sales people to make them represent our service correctly. Keep in mind we don't own the resort; we don't hire the sales people. If we get numerous complaints concerning a particular resort, we will send one of our people out incognito to actually listen to their pitch. Then we will take action afterward if they're misrepresenting."

Matusow says that his company tells people not to buy timesharing strictly for exchange because exchange is based on availability. If somebody does not exchange out of a particular area, nobody can exchange in. Some people have even told him that they bought in Daytona Beach so they can exchange and go skiing in North Carolina. His response to them is, "Why didn't you buy in North Carolina where you wanted to go?"

Even though Matusow's exchange confirmation rate is running between 75 and 77 percent, he tells consumers, "not to get enthralled by the salesmen who tells them they can buy here and go anywhere in the world at anytime. There are some places to which we have very few problems filling requests — Florida being one of those, because

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**"Not everyone looks at timesharing through such rose-colored glasses."**

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Florida is the timesharing capital of the world. There are about 250 developments in Florida compared to between 700 and 800 worldwide."

The key to successful exchanging is to be as flexible as possible. If you ask for a specific week at a specific resort, you stand a chance of getting it. But if you ask for any week in October on Florida's west coast, there is almost a 100 percent guarantee you'll get it.

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# Best And Worst Job In

# SPORTS

**...managing a major league team**



**By Al Stump**

Tommy Lasorda, the peppery, 55-year-old Los Angeles Dodgers' manager, sat back in a dugout not long ago and reflected that he plays a lonesome role in the big leagues. Lasorda has been the Dodgers' pilot for a short seven years. And if a reunion was held of men who were managing the 11 other National League teams in 1976, when Lasorda broke in, the group could easily fit into an on-deck circle. In fact, only one person would show up: Lasorda. All the others have been fired or otherwise detached from their high-paying jobs—part of baseball's relentless slaughter of the skippers.

If the reunion included the American League, it would draw all of *two* people: Tommy of the defending world champion Dodgers and Earl Weaver of the Baltimore Orioles. They're the only survivors—two out of a total of 24 who retain positions they held in 1976.

"There isn't a higher-risk line of work in sports," says Lasorda, an energetic, optimistic type, but one who speaks

som-berly of what's going on around him. "If a guy stays in one place for three or four years, he feels lucky.

In this business you're about as secure as a Mexican cliffdiver at low tide."

By the game's temper and tradition, bench strategists are the most expendable quantity on any club—here today and shuffled off to the minors or to a coaching or manager's post somewhere else tomorrow. In 1966, the Detroit Tigers tied a league record by hiring and firing three leaders (Chuck Dressen, Bob Swift, Frank Skaff) in a single season. But in 1980, the St. Louis Cardinals topped that when Ken Boyer, Whitey Herzog, Jack Krol and Red Schoendienst came and went between April and October. Yet, never has "managerial roulette" been so epidemic as today. Gener-



ally, it's brought on by team owners searching for the exactly right combination of brains, hustle and public relations appeal in one uniform, or desperately switching from man to man to avoid personal blame for a losing situation.

For speedy turnover, no organization surpasses the New York Yankees. Ship-building tycoon George M. Steinbrenner III, has reached the World Series three times with his Yanks and narrowly missed a fourth brassring in the last seven campaigns. Yet in what approaches slapstick comedy, he's used up Bill Virdon, Billy Martin (sacked, rehired, sacked again), Bob Lemon, Dick Howser, Gene Michael, Lemon (sacked a second time) and Michael (rehired) in a brief span.

Between last October's frosts and the 1982 springtime, 12 of the 26 NL and AL managers bit the dust. In 1980, 13 went down. Where the casualty rate was approximately 33 percent a few decades ago, now it's at 47 percent. "We don't have a union", gripes Jimmy Dykes, discharged six times in two major leagues in the 1930s-60s. "Isn't it time we organized?"

Players and umpires have collective negotiating alliances, but managers still operate alone and are not noted for their bargaining skill. Their problem is aggravated because few have final say-so on player trades or talent-drafting, which front offices dictate. Further, the annual \$150,000 to \$200,000 paid to skippers is dwarfed by the stupendous \$800,000 to \$1 million-and-up contracts of some of the athletes. Some erosion of authority and discipline results—"millionaires can get damned uppity and rebellious," as one handler put it.

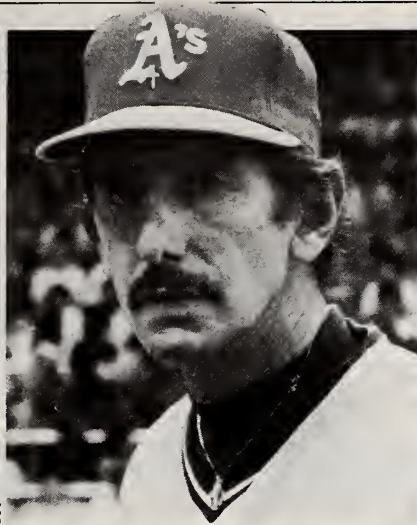
One of baseball's paradoxes and enduring mysteries is that so many men at the helm were not successful players in the majors. A long list includes Detroit's Sparky Anderson, Cincinnati's John McNamara, Cleveland's Dave Garcia, Baltimore's Earl Weaver—and Tommy Lasorda, who as a pitcher appeared in but 26 games. Why do so many middle-aged men stick in the profession when they could do very well elsewhere without facing daily the possibility of being debuffed and branded a loser?

"I just love managing," says Lasorda. "Being in charge of some of the greatest stars in the country is part of the joy you feel. Sure, it's a big thrill for someone who wasn't an outstanding ballplayer to rise to the top, but there's a lot of pain in this profession—the kind that keeps you tossing in bed all night."

At crucial junctures, Tommy has seen half of his pitching staff down with injuries, two outfielders limping, his ace shortstop lost with a smashed finger and his No. 1 catcher sidelined when a flying broken bat sliced through his neck. Injuries helped cost "Tension Tommy" the World Series of 1977 and 1978, won by the Yankees.

"Worst of all is to drop six or eight games in a row, get into your hotel bed, switch on TV and see the whole thing re-played," he adds. "Try sleeping after that."

*It's all in a day's work—be it Tommy Lasorda's explanation of an umpire's shortcomings (opposite page), Billy Martin's steely scowl for the photographer (above) or Earl Weaver's dazed dugout demeanor.*



Fatness—overeating on the banquet circuit—is a manager's disease. A normal 190-pounder, Tommy ballooned to 240. In one week last January, after finally downing the Yanks in the World Series, he spoke before audiences in Texas, Illinois, Wisconsin, California, Tennessee and Nevada within 10 days. This kind of grueling off-season travel schedule combined with falling off his diet left Lasorda worn down when spring camp opened.

"Yet I haven't a single complaint," insists Tommy. "I enjoy my life so much that

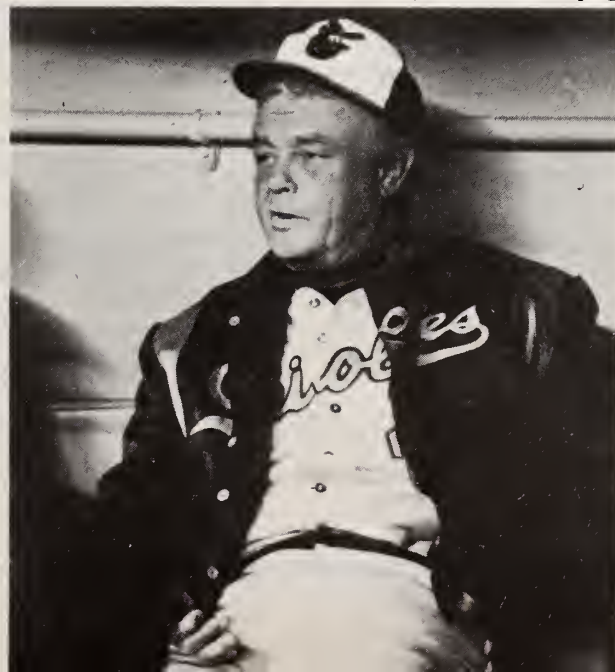
the late Dodgers' owner, Walter O'Malley, gave me a marble tombstone to be buried under." The stone's engraving reads: "Dodger Stadium was his address, but every ballpark was his home."

At the opposite opinion pole is scrappy Earl Weaver of Baltimore. After 14 campaigns in which he has registered the highest won-lost percentage of anyone now in uniform (.597), while accumulating four American League pennants and three "manager of the year" decorations. Weaver plans to bow out next October. He's only 52, a long way from normal retirement age. The chunky, 5'8" boss of the Orioles, though, has paid a price for the more than 1,200 victories he's accumulated. "I'm getting out while I'm still young enough to enjoy it," goes Earl's explanation. "I've had enough aggravation and worry for any three men."

Weaver's thick hair has turned gray-white. His leathery face is lined. He suffers from painful arthritis. "The game's a terrific grind...the most unsettled existence there is," he says. "As well as the Orioles have done, I've worried about getting fired and seeing my pension lost or reduced. It's also very hard on your wife, who sees you more often on TV than in person."

One of the sport's immortal sages and philosophers, the late Casey Stengel, observed of his art, "Half the gentlemen in the dugout want your job. Gents who ride the bench a lot hate your insides. Older players and coaches want ya out so they can get the job. That leaves you, wifey and a couple of relatives left to pull for ya. In the end, ya just can't win."

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## Smart Borrowers Shop Around

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2. Banks give their depositors the best deals. In fact, some dangle the prospect of favorable treatment as a lure to get new depositors.

3. But even depositors may find that special strings are attached to loans. Example: One Eastern bank is promoting home-improvement loans at 2½ percentage points below its regular rate to those who have—or will open—an account. The hitch: The offer is good only if the applicant has an income of at least \$30,000 per year and doesn't already devote more than 30 percent of income to debt payments.

4. If you can't get a loan on terms you can afford, ask the merchant or builder for assistance. If they really want your business they can help you scrounge, or cut prices, or both.

5. If you're a member of a credit union, check there first. Life insurance may be another source.

Meantime, remember that it's easy to compare interest rates on any type of loan, because lenders must quote you the APR rate (annual percentage rate). That's based on the amount of the loan in your possession (a figure that progressively declines as you pay off), hence is a reliable, universally applicable figure.

So while the rate comparisons are easy, you still have to dicker on 1) length of loan, 2) down payment, 3) method of payment, and 4) extras, if any.

## Computer Prices Coming Down

The personal computing industry (comprising home and small-business computers) is beginning to repeat the pattern of all previous electronic marvels—prices are coming down appreciably (sometimes as much as 20 percent) and likely will continue on that trend.

Behind the declining tags are 1) increased competition, 2) threat of foreign products, and 3) lower manufacturing costs. Meantime, a second-hand market is springing up.

Deepest price cutters are the discount mail-order houses, which usually undersell other outlets by several percentage points. However, before you buy that way, remember that the mail-order houses don't offer much (if any) advice, nor do they usually repair computers. Both considerations can be important to you—especially if you're a beginner. While small computers are relatively trouble-free, you nevertheless should know where to get help if something goes wrong.

As for prices: You now can buy one home-hobby model for around \$150, and several for around \$300, and an under-\$100 model is on the way. More advanced equipment will take you into the \$1,000-and-up class, while business-oriented gear will run double that price and more. "Peripherals" (add-on equipment) are extra, but prices are declining noticeably.

What basically should determine your choice of computer are two factors: 1) what you want it for, and 2) who will use it most.

Beyond that, look for convenience of keyboard; size of memory; quality of display (some now are full-color); availability of "software" (packaged programs on tape, cartridge or disk); and range of peripherals.

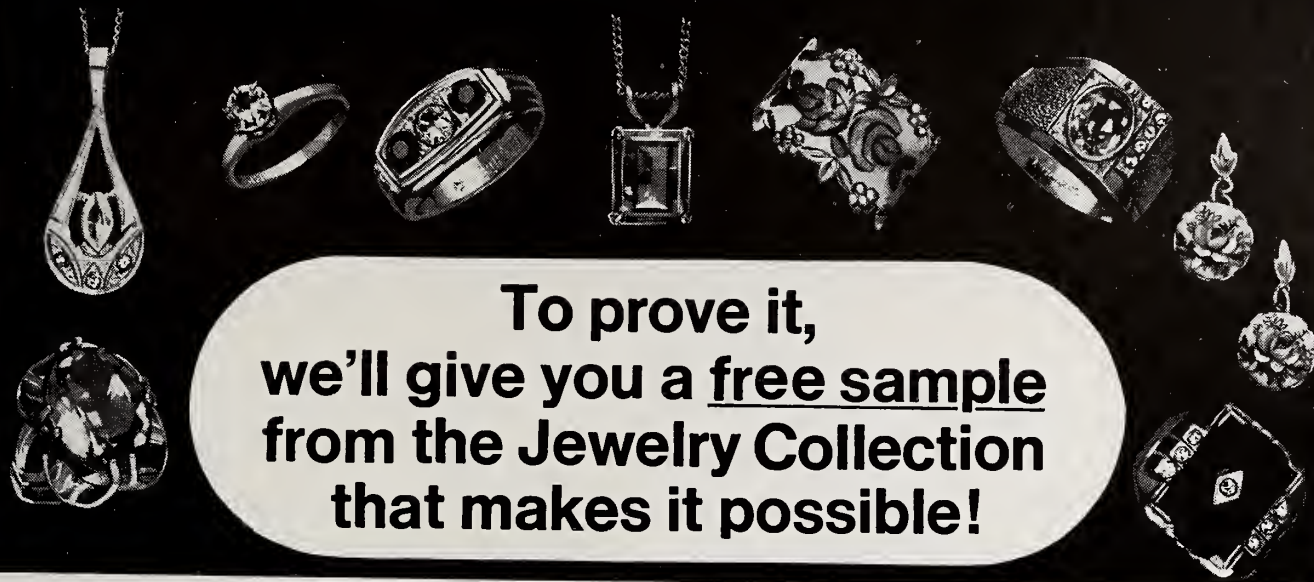
## Travel Counters Economic Trend

*Travel:* If you plan a fall vacation—either domestically or abroad—get your reservations nailed down firmly before you start. Despite the sluggish economy, travel has been relatively heavy this year. A major reason is ample gasoline supplies. Another is that travel prices, in general, are up only modestly over last year. Gas prices, however, always rise in the summer, so take the cost of gasoline into consideration when budgeting for your trip. Other reasons for travel's popularity: The strength of the U.S. dollar abroad, and the impact at home of the World's Fair in Knoxville (particularly in the South).

By Edgar A. Grunwald



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## NEW PAMPHLETS AVAILABLE FROM LEGION ECONOMIC COMMISSION

. . . Three new pamphlets have been prepared by the staff of the Legion's National Economic Commission and are available from them by interested parties. "Veterans Entitlements in the Job Market," discusses a veteran's employment rights with the federal government and in the private sector, and discusses the veteran's rights under Veterans Preference. "Job Sources," is designed to acquaint the veteran with the more prevalent veterans job assistance programs within the community. "The National Economic Commission Presents . . ." describes the three awards programs under the commission's "Jobs for Veterans" program: Employer of the Year for Hiring Veterans, Older Workers and Handicapped. Further information and copies of the pamphlets are available

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# NEWS

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## SENILITY:

### In Treating the Elderly, Things Aren't Always What They Seem

By Jerome A. Yesavage, M.D. and  
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Because of improvements in general health care over the past century, many of us can now look forward to living well into our 70s and 80s. Added longevity, however, may prove to be a mixed blessing, for it is often accompanied by a decline in our intellectual functions. This loss—especially in the ability to memorize, learn new information and exercise sound judgment—results in what is generally called senility, or, in medical terms, *senile dementia*.

Since *senile dementia* afflicts as much as 15 percent of the population over 65, and since the vast majority of WWII vets are now approaching 60, the VA has become particularly concerned with this area of medicine.

The purpose of this article is to present some background on the effects of aging on memory and to take a look at some VA programs designed to combat this decline.

The ability to memorize is central to many intellectual processes. When it is in good working order, memory tends to be taken for granted. When it's not in good working order, however, it can cause as much concern and discomfort as a physical ailment. Therefore, in the last decade particularly, psychologists and psychiatrists have sought to better understand why intellectual function and memory decline in so many older people, and what can be done to reverse or retard the process. These efforts are hampered by the fact that there are other behavioral and psychological changes associated with aging that can look like changes in memory itself.

For example, I was once asked to examine a 77-year-old man who had been referred for evaluation because he was "demented," "disoriented" and "lost" at home. I discovered he had slowly developed severe cataracts. His





brain was intact. He simply could not see as well as he once could. Surgical treatment of the cataracts improved his vision and consequently his ability to find his way around. Thus, his "dementia" vanished with his cataracts.

Similar stories can be told about the sense of hearing. Poor hearing is often misinterpreted as poor understanding and poor memory. If a person cannot hear what other people say, he cannot possibly remember or understand what was said. Thus, an audiologist can determine if there is a sufficient loss of hearing to be mistaken for senility.

As we grow older, our sense of taste becomes less acute. Usually this just leads to some boredom with food. In extreme cases, however, it can result in malnutrition and vitamin deficiencies. Such deficiencies can produce brain damage and ultimately cause deterioration in memory function. An older person's tendency to over-season food may be a clue to a change in his sense of taste.

These examples underline the fact that many problems that might appear to involve memory or senility are really problems of perception. There are other examples as well: One of the reasons why many older people score lower on I.Q. tests is that they are physically slower to move in making their responses. Again, what's important to recognize about this slowing is that it is not necessarily a sign of intellectual decline.

Certain emotional factors may also suggest an older person's intellectual functions or memory are impaired. The most important of these disorders is depression.

Depression as a psychiatric term means more than the "blues" or sadness that we all feel at times. Depression as an illness also involves an inability to enjoy any pleasure, low self-esteem, guilt, bodily symptoms such as loss of weight and loss of sexual desires, and thoughts of death and suicide. Such negative feelings become pervasive and may last for months at a time.

A common complaint of the elderly who are depressed is loss of memory. They feel inadequate, helpless and unable to think clearly. Such symptoms may easily be taken for senility. The fact is that people who are senile are less likely to complain about memory loss than are people who are

depressed. It is important for the physician to be able to recognize depression for what it is—not senility—because misdiagnosis can lead to placement in a nursing home. Too, depression is relatively easy to treat with medications.

If the doctor has ruled out or treated all of the above and the patient still suffers from memory deficiencies, there are still other deficits that might be mistaken for a poor memory.

We all use such techniques as alphabetizing or categorizing to deal with the enormous amount of information we constantly have to absorb each day. We use the techniques during our school years and in employment in order to compress data into more easily memorized packages. The elderly—without the requirements of school or job—may allow these techniques to fall into disuse, thus making memorization harder. By re practicing these techniques, researchers have shown the reappearance of memory capabilities in people whose memories were thought long gone.

## **VA researchers are testing medications that may reverse or prevent brain deterioration.**

Memory, or the ability to recall previous information and experiences, can be described in several ways. There are the senses: Is it something you saw, heard, tasted or touched that you are trying to remember? A second type of description is the amount of time you are trying to remember something: Is the information seconds, minutes or years old? Finally, memory can be described in terms of three psychological processes that are believed to occur in the formation of memories: formation of an image of what is to be remembered, storage of the image for later use and retrieval of the information when needed.

Concrete rather than abstract images are more easily remembered at any age. In the elderly, some researchers claim memory for things heard and vocabulary may be quite well preserved. The elderly also have less difficulty recalling events learned in their

childhood than they do recalling relatively recent events. They also perform better in "immediate memory" tests: that is, the recall of information after five seconds or less.

Finally, in terms of the three-step process of forming memories, the elderly seem to have the most difficulty with the last step, retrieval. Test scores of the elderly from multiple-choice questionnaires were compared with those from fill-in-the-blank questionnaires. Often the elderly do as well as younger subjects on multiple-choice tests, but not as well when tested on the same material in a fill-in-the-blank format. Such results seem to indicate that the elderly do have the data in their memories but have difficulty getting it out.

It is no longer believed that the majority of people who become mentally impaired in their later years do so because of atherosclerosis of cerebral arteries. Although some 25 to 35 percent of the mentally impaired elderly do experience small strokes, or cutting off of blood flow to a part of the brain, the majority have little or no problem with their cerebral arteries. Nowadays, most doctors feel that changes in the brain's chemistry and a slowing of ability to burn sugar to produce energy result in senility. Such changes may result in an intracellular "energy shortage" which, like a power brownout, will impair all functions dependent on the power source. The result is nerve cell death and dementia. The important question facing VA researchers is whether anything can be done to reverse, retard or prevent this process before it gets to the end stage.

Several medications are being tested by VA researchers to try to reverse or prevent the deterioration of brain energy production. The only one of these medications available in the United States is called DEM. It is approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to treat certain symptoms of mental decline in the aged. For over 25 years the medication has been safely used in both the U.S. (although not widely) and Europe, where it is the largest selling drug (outselling even penicillin).

U.S. physicians are skeptical about the efficacy of DEM, possibly because it is prescribed in lower doses here than in Europe. Furthermore, in Europe, DEM is given to prevent mental

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decline, whereas in the U.S. this preventive use has not been recognized. There are currently at least two studies of DEM's use that confirm its preventive action and the medication is available in many VA hospitals and is the subject of research at certain VA Medical Centers.

Part of the problem with such medications is that their effects are not terribly striking. It may take several weeks, and sometimes months, to see an effect. In addition, both the public and physicians in this country often don't place as much importance on preventive medicine as do their counterparts in Europe.

Still other medications under investigation in the VA may prove to be more effective than DEM. One such medication is called naftidrofuryl and was developed in France. The medication originated as a treatment for poor circulation in the extremities, but was also noted to have some effects on memory in the elderly. Another class of

enhances the learning process. Other new medications, such as the neuro-peptides, may also increase alertness and these are being studied by Dr. Jared Tinklenberg at the Palo Alto (CA) VA Hospital.

Unfortunately, the climate for pharmacological research in the United States is not very encouraging. A widespread lack of tolerance for risk on any level and complex government legislation regulating the development of new drugs have significantly slowed the availability of new treatments. Yet VA scientists continue to study new pharmacological treatments since it is clear that a substantial portion of the problem of *senile dementia* is biological and will not go away without treatment at that level.

To this end, the VA is currently researching a number of these potential treatments at its Geriatric Research Educational and Clinical Centers around the country. And if you would like additional information on the effects of aging, you may write the authors at the VA Medical Center, 3801 Miranda Ave., Palo Alto, CA 94304.

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## More benefit may be gained if medications are combined with psychological retraining of memory ability

compounds which can improve memory are the cholinergics. All of these medications are under careful investigation by a research group at the Bronx VA Hospital under the direction of Kenneth David, M.D.

These are a few of the medications that offer a ray of hope for people with memory loss. Even more benefit may be gained if such medications are combined with treatment that involves psychological retraining of memory ability, as previously mentioned.

As is the case in many medical and psychological problems, prevention of a complicated problem such as memory loss may be easier than cure. We have found the combination of DEM plus psychotherapy more effective than either treatment alone. This may be because the medication seems to have a mild alerting effect that

## A Tip of the Cap To Adjutant Kenitz



Nick Kenitz

August's Legionnaire of the Month is known affectionately around his Wabasha, Minn., hometown as "The Admiral." For if anyone's been driving the Legion's ship through good times and bad, it's been Adj. Nick Kenitz of Wabasha Post 50.

Back in 1955, Nick was elected Adjutant of Post 50 and the members—knowing a good thing when they see it—have kept him in that post ever since. In addition, he has served in various other capacities on the local District and Department levels during his Legion membership and served in three different areas on the National level: the Education and Scholarship Commission in 1957 and '58; the Legislative Commission from 1963 to '68 and the Americanism Commission from 1978 to 1982.

In 1941, Nick was inducted into the Army. During WWII, he served in Northern France, the Rhineland, Ardennes and Central Europe. Following his discharge, he became active in the Legion and was elected the youngest commander in his district at that time.

As one local observer noted: "(The Legion is) an organization that continues to show its care and concern for not only the community, but those 'who make it happen.' Nick is truly that kind of person. Even though the Adjutant is often the man who gets the blame if something isn't done, he's nearly always the one who must see to it that it is done." Nick Kenitz's been getting the Legion job done in Wabasha and the nation for 36 years.

## COMRADES IN DISTRESS

Readers who can help these veterans are urged to do so. Usually a statement is needed in support of a VA claim.

Notices are run only at the request of American Legion Service Officers representing claimants, using Search for Witness Forms available only from State Legion Service Officers. Please contact CID # \_\_\_\_ The American Legion Magazine, P.O. Box 1055, 700 Pennsylvania St., Indianapolis, Ind. 46206.

Co. "B", 6th Arm'd Inf. Bn., 1st Arm'd Div. Harold E. Green is seeking witnesses to verify a claim that while stationed in northern Italy in 1944, he was hospitalized for Hepatitis. Contact CID 801 "B" Battery, 6663d Field Artillery. Leon Pitre needs witnesses to verify a claim that while stationed at Ft. Buckner, Okinawa between 1953-56, he participated in atomic tests while on temporary duty in Nevada or New Mexico. Contact CID 802.

Special Services. Wanda Ease Santos needs witnesses to verify a claim that while stationed at the Proving Grounds, York, Pa., in July 1943, she suffered injury to her legs in a truck accident. Contact CID 803

568th Ordnance H.M. Co., Joseph L. Signoretti is seeking witnesses to verify a claim that while stationed at Seoul, Korea in 1953-54, he suffered from stomach problems, athlete's foot, ear problems, malaria, Penicillin & Sulfra reactions and also injured his left ankle. Contact CID 804

2nd Bn., 7th Regt., 1st Marine. Leo E. Gagnon is seeking witnesses to verify a claim that while stationed in Korea in 1952, he suffered from frost bite, shrapnel and bullet wounds to his legs. Contact CID 805

743rd MP Bn., Joseph H. Stovall needs witnesses to verify a claim that while stationed at Fort Devens, Mass. in 1943, he suffered a head injury. Contact CID 808

3451st Student School. William Mark Ndu needs witnesses to verify a claim that while stationed at 97th Field Hospital, Texas in 1951, he suffered a back injury when he fell off a pole. Contact CID 807

482nd Sq., 505th Bomb Group, 20th Air Force. John Joseph Rigney needs witnesses to verify a claim that while stationed at Tinian Island in 1945, he suffered injury in a B-29 plane crash. Contact CID 806



# 'For I Am A Father Who Lost A Son In Vietnam'

Last November, a group of Legionnaires across the country received a letter from National Commander Jack Flynt. In the letter—subsequently mailed to every Legionnaire—the Commander outlined the reasons behind The American Legion's support for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial and for our \$1 million pledge to see that memorial built.

It was a project Legionnaires took to their hearts. In less than six months, the \$1 million was raised—and then some, as the accompanying box shows. But those donations didn't tell the real story behind the Legion's commitment to this long overdue symbol of support for those who served in Vietnam. Accompanying those donations were letters; letters written from the heart and describing how America's most unpopular war touched the lives of so many.

We want to share these sentiments with you. Names and other identifying information have been deleted to protect the authors' privacy, yet nothing can disguise the importance these writers have placed upon seeing the monument built.

"I would like to donate \*\* in memory of my mother who passed away this year. It was her love and support that helped me through some of the darkest hours of my life spent on station in the South China Sea..."

"As at all Veterans Days, I recall experiences with fellow World War II buddies, but especially one because his son was killed in action in Vietnam. I had not seen this buddy since 1945. (After our reunion he wrote me that) 'the moment that most deeply touched me was when I reminded you of our son's death in Vietnam, only to have you produce a carefully preserved copy of the printed notice of his death from your billfold. It helps enormously to know that people care.' That notice of his son's death carries the following inscription: 'I still believe that individual freedom is the most important thing in the world and I am willing to die defending that idea.'"

"In 1966 we got word that our son was reported 'missing in action' over Vietnam. He was declared dead in 1974



## Over \$1 Million For VVMF

The American Legion has surpassed its \$1 million pledge to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund thanks to the hard work of individual Legionnaires, their Posts, Districts and Departments. Space prohibits our listing each Department's contribution, but we did want to give a tip of the hat to those 10 Departments which contributed the most. Note that figures are accurate at press time, but that money continues to come in and final tabulations will not be available until the National Convention.

New York .....	\$157,416.75	Ohio .....	\$80,037.68
Pennsylvania .....	115,599.49	New Jersey .....	65,190.75
Illinois .....	112,672.37	Minnesota .....	59,762.26
California .....	100,225.32	Florida .....	53,593.04
Indiana .....	86,197.15	Massachusetts .....	50,883.55

and to this day we don't know what happened to him...His son is 17 now and his daughter will be 15 and they never had a chance to know their father. (The memorial) will mean so much to the children and the families of the Vietnam veterans who fought and gave their lives in such an unpopular war."

"My husband and I will be proud one day to take our two children to Washington, D.C., and walk through the garden and tell them we helped to see that it was built."

"It would mean a lot to me to have such a memorial built in Washington. For I am a father who lost a son in Vietnam..."

"My wife and I are glad something is being done to honor the men and women who served in Vietnam. We send this small contribution to honor

my cousin \*\* who was killed when his helicopter crashed in South Vietnam while doing rescue work; for his brother \*\* who flew 99 bombing missions over Vietnam and was imprisoned in North Vietnam for 13 months; for our brother-in-law \*\* who served two stints in the Vietnam War and returned safely; and in the hopes that our son \*\* who is now serving in the U.S. Navy, will never have to experience a Vietnam."

"As a Vietnam Veteran who served in the Marine Corps in 1968, I felt a letter was needed to be sent along with my donation for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial...As you are aware, nothing was being done for our brothers and sisters who served and died, till now. I would like to believe that the people have finally heard our cry for help and recognition—and have faced the fact that we exist as human beings who fought and died for our country."



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## Elderly Housing Project in Mass. Sponsored, Built by Legionnaires



An artist's conception of "Legion Village" in Hanover, Mass.

Members of Josselyn Cummings Post 149 in Hanover, Mass., have spearheaded a drive that has resulted in a new 60-unit elderly housing complex in this greater Boston community.

"Legion Village," dedicated this spring by Natl. Cdr. Flynt, was conceived after Post leaders—Post Cdr. Paul Kendrigan and Judge Advocate Carlos Hill, also chairman of the Hanover Housing Authority—realized Hanover was the only community in the area without housing for its elderly citizens.

John B. Hanley of Hanover was appointed Housing Development Consultant and was responsible for acquiring the 12-acre site near the town's center. The Hanover Legion Elderly Housing Corporation, a non-profit organization and subsidiary of the Legion Post, was formed to sponsor the project. Both Legion and community leaders served on the board of the organization, with the Post providing the initial capital. Hanley also arranged a \$2.6 million HUD loan to finance the construction.

The project was designed to include a small village of two-story, wood shingle buildings with pitched roofs to

harmonize with the other buildings in the area. The focal point of the village is a community building with terrace that opens onto the central common. Most of the existing trees and natural landscaping were preserved on the site and every apartment overlooks both the inner courtyard and central wooded common.

Legion officials there stress that "Legion Village" is a town project, a cooperative effort led by the American Legion and supported by all the town agencies and residents.

### TAPS

The Taps Notice mentions, whenever possible, those Legionnaires who have held high National or Department Office in the Legion, United States government, or other forms of national prominence.

**Frank M. Ladd, Jr.,** St. Louis, Caucus.

**Julius E. Schrifftgiesser,** Panama Alternate National Executive Committeeman (1937-38), Department Adjutant (1936-40), Department Commander (1947-48).

**Tom W. Spalding, Sr.,** Ky Department Vice Commander (1928-29).

**Joseph T. Lovett,** Ky. Department Commander (1938-39).

**Chauncey Reynolds,** Mich. Department Vice Commander (1968-69).

**Dr. Joseph Paul Gavenonis,** Pa. Department Commander (1956-57), Department Vice Commander (1955-56).

**Lee Adams Lemos,** National Vice Commander (1957-58), R.I. National Executive Committeeman (1951-53), Alternate National Executive Committeeman (1950-51), Department Commander (1950-51), Department Adjutant (1955-56, 1966-67), Department Vice Commander (1948-50).

**William H. Kelly,** N.Y. Alternate National Executive Committeeman (1974-75), Department Commander (1973-74).

**Arthur E. Ulness,** ND Department Commander (1961-62).

**Otto F. Messner,** PA Department Commander (1933-34).

**Robert Crownover,** NM Department Commander (1963-64).

**Corydon T. Hill,** National Vice Commander (1960).

### LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

The award of a life membership to a Legionnaire by a Post is a testimonial by those who know best that such a member has served The American Legion well.

Below are listed some of the previously unlisted life membership Post awards that have been reported to the editors.

Alex McComber (1982), Post 2, Montreal, Quebec, Canada  
 Frank M. Bradley, Francis P. Currier, James M. Gorsline (1982), Post 4, Lakeland, Fla.  
 Edward J. Dionne, James P. Emory, William J. Lackner, Maurice O. Morrisette, Raymond E. Putzier (1982), Post 25, Lake Placid, Fla.  
 Louis Shein, Ellis H. Roberts, James H. Graham (1982), Post 113, Rotonda West, Fla.  
 Robert L. Miller (1981), Herman E. Greer (1982), Post 162, Deerfield Beach, Fla.  
 George R. Beck (1982), Post 70, Covington, Ky.  
 Gilbert Johnson, John E. Layne, Henry Lewis, William F. Luman, F.H. Lyle, Herman McKenzie, Ira M. Nickell, L.M. Sexton, Labe Sexton, Chester B. Shope, Bush Strosnider, G.K. Taylor (1981), Post 76, Ashland, Ky.  
 Thomas A. Copithorne (1982), Post 110, Medfield, Mass.  
 James A. Jordan (1981), Post 225, Wrentham, Mass.  
 Luther Jackson (1981), Post 14, Clinton, Mo.  
 Herbert H. Burr (1948), Charles Beckner (1969), George D. Holder, Frank G. Giudici, Jr. (1976), Joe Montanaro (1979), Salvatore P. Levota (1982), Post 151, Kansas City, Mo.  
 Gerhard Kromat (1982), Post 300, St. Louis, Mo.  
 John Angelo (1979), Michael Marshall (1980), Alfred Galluzzo (1981), Ernest Knott (1982), Post 249, Lake Hiawatha, N.J.  
 Anthony Budetti (1982), Post 101, Westbury, N.Y.  
 Marjorie J. Lovejoy, Harry W. Austin (1982), Post 205, Kenmore, N.Y.  
 John R. Bradley, Melvin E. Knapp (1982), Post 1682, New City, N.Y.  
 Burton G. Maxwell, Harry W. Moore, Robert R. Stone, Frank Suppa (1982), Post 2, Fargo, N.D.

### Vietnam Veterans

More than seven million of the nine million living Vietnam era veterans have used VA benefits. Among them are over six million who have used VA educational assistance and almost two million who have received hospital care.



## 'Good Neighbor Program' OK'd by NEC Will Acknowledge Five Legionnaires

During Spring meetings this year, the National Executive Committee authorized The American Legion to accept an offer by Gordon's Dry Gin Company Limited to recognize five Legion volunteers as part of their "Good Neighbor Program" in 1982 and thereafter.

One outstanding Legionnaire will be selected in each of the following five categories:

**Heroism**—to be awarded to the individual selected who has displayed a true act of heroism without regard to his or her own safety or welfare, resulting in a human life being saved.

**Community Service-Youth Activities**—to be awarded to the individual

selected who has performed noteworthy volunteer service in his or her community, resulting in enhanced opportunities for youth.

**Community Service-General**—to be awarded to the individual who has performed noteworthy volunteer service in his or her community, resulting in significant accomplishments for the betterment of the community.

**Outstanding Service in the Area of Veterans Affairs**—to be awarded to the individual selected who has performed noteworthy volunteer service in the area of veterans affairs, resulting in significant accomplishments for the betterment of veterans in need of assistance.

**Outstanding Volunteer Achievement-Miscellaneous**—to be awarded to the individual selected who has performed significant and noteworthy service perpetuating the true spirit of volunteerism.

The five selected Legionnaires will receive a plaque from Gordon's Dry Gin Company Limited with a \$1,000 check made payable to their favorite charity and receive various other honors during a luncheon held in their community.

Complete rules and nominating information will appear in next month's American Legion Magazine. Rules and nomination forms will also be distributed to Department headquarters during September.

## Talking Magazine for Auxiliary, SAL Members

American Legion Magazine Commission Chairman Milford A. Forrester has announced that, beginning with the September 1982 issue, the Legion Magazine will be available on phonographic disc recordings to blind and physically handicapped members of The American Legion Auxiliary and Sons of The American Legion.

The Talking American Legion Magazine was first made available only to qualified Legionnaires in March 1982.

In announcing the addition of Auxiliary and SAL members to those eligible to receive disc recordings of the Magazine, Forrester said, "After identifying the initial group of Legionnaires eligible for this service, we were pleased to learn we have the ability to expand this service to all blind and physically handicapped members of the Legion family."

As previously announced, the Talking American Legion Magazine is produced in concert with the Library of Congress's "Talking Books" program, which provides the necessary phonographic equipment to play the 8 1/3 rpm flexible discs that are mailed directly to eligible members. There is no charge for either the Talking American Legion Magazine or the disc-playing machine.

Complete details and an enrollment application are available by writing, "Talking American Legion Magazine," P.O. Box 1055, Indianapolis, Ind. 46206.



Pennsylvania Gov. Richard L. Thornburgh (seated) is presented souvenirs of the 1982 American Legion Baseball World Series that will be played in Boyerstown, Pa., by event co-chairman Donald F. Specht. This year's tourney, to be played Sept. 2-6, will be hosted by Charles L. Yenger Post 471. For the first time, results of the days' games will be available to fans by calling a 900 number that will operate for two hours, from 11 p.m. to 1 a.m. EDT, each day during the five-day series. The number to call during this time is 1-900-210-1982. Keep in mind that the phone company will charge you 50 cents for each call and the system will only operate for two hours each day of the series. Watch for complete details of the 1982 Legion World Series in the October issue of *The American Legion Magazine*.



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## VA's Q&A CORNER

These are questions representative of those the Veterans Administration is frequently asked. For more information contact your Post Service Officer, local VA office or write directly to: Veterans Administration (20), Washington, D.C. 20420.

**Q.** How do I apply for VA educational benefits to attend college?

**A.** Complete VA Form 22-1990 with a certified copy of your DD Form 214 at the nearest VA regional office. You may submit this application as much as 120 days before classes begin but not less than 30 days before classes begin.

**Q.** May a veteran in college under the GI Bill and needing less than 12 credit hours to graduate take 12 or more hours in his final term in order to receive full-time educational benefits?

**A.** Yes, provided the veteran or eligible person has sufficient remaining entitlement.

**Q.** What is the maximum amount I can pay for a home using a VA guaranteed home loan?

**A.** The VA guarantees loans obtained by the veteran from private lenders.

There is no established maximum purchase price for a home. However, no loan guaranteed by the VA may exceed the reasonable property value as determined by a VA appraiser.

**Q.** I lost my leg in service and am receiving VA compensation for it. Because of complications, I will now lose my other leg. Can I receive additional compensation for this new loss?

**A.** Yes. A law enacted in 1978 provides for an added monthly benefit for veterans who have suffered the loss, or loss of use, of one extremity due to service connected causes, and have then experienced loss, or loss of use, of the paired extremity from non-service connected causes.

**Q.** I was injured while on active duty in World War II but have never filed a claim with the VA. Is it too late to do so now?

**A.** No. There is no time limit for filing a claim for compensation. Contact the nearest VA office for assistance.

**Q.** Are my VA benefits subject to taxation?

**A.** No. Under federal law, all benefits administered by the VA are exempt from taxation.

## OUTFIT REUNIONS

Reunion will be held in month indicated. For particulars write person whose address is given. Notices accepted on official forms only. For form send stamped self-addressed envelope to O.R. Form, American Legion Magazine, P.O. Box 1055, Indianapolis, IN 46206. Notices must be received five months before scheduled reunion. Earliest submissions are favored when the volume of notices is too great to print them all. Notice of Outfit Reunions are run only once during a calendar year.

### Army

- 1st Gas Regt. Assn. (Sept.-Aberdeen, Md.), Harold Higginbottom, 2800 Rueckert Ave., Baltimore, MD 21214 (301) 426-2353.
- 1st Photo Recon. Sq. (1945 Okinawa) (Aug.-Portland, Ore.), Vern Simmons, 3943 S. Monte Cristo Rd., Woodburn, OR 97071 (503) 634-2361.
- 2d Evac. Hospital (Sept.-Cape Cod, Mass.), Dr. Herbert Wright, Jr., Box 516, East Orleans, MA 02643 (617) 255-5930.
- 10th Mountain Div. (Lower Mich. Chapter) (Aug.-Cadillac, Mich.), Roy Puckett, 31642 Grove Dr., Livonia, MI 48154 (313) 421-6723.
- 10th Mountain Div. (Midwest Chapter) (Aug.-Oskosh, Wis.), Stanley Nawrot, 3832 W. 63rd St., Chicago, IL 60629 (312) 581-3045.
- 11th Evac. Hosp. (Semi-Mobile) (WWII) (Sept.-Omaha, Neb.), John Weible, 6206 S. 15th St., Omaha, NE 68137.
- 17th Signal Oper. Bn. (WWII) (Sept.-Scranton, Pa.), E.F. Hofmeister, 710 Crown Ave., Scranton, PA 18505 (717) 346-9255.
- 18th Coast Art. (Ft. Stevens, Ore) (Sept.-Celina, Ohio), Charles Justus, 625 Yaronia Dr., Columbus, OH 43214 (614) 268-2566.
- 20th, 117th, 1340th Engr. Combat Assn. (WWII) (Aug.-Mount Laurel, N.J.), George Rankin, 46 Paerdegat 13th St., Brooklyn, NY 11236.
- 27th Div. Assn. (Sept.-Syracuse, N.Y.), Rocco Favata, 2610 4th Ave., Watervliet, NY 12189.
- 29th Station Hosp., 170th Evac. Hosp. (WWII) (Oct.-Charleston, S.C.), Sue L. Moulton, 2304 Vandemere Ave., Fayetteville, NC 28304 (919) 485-7391.
- 35th Field Hospital (Sept.-Colorado Springs, Colo.), Milton Janacek, Rt. 2, Box 147A, Wausaukee, WI 54177 (715) 856-5905.
- 36th F.A. Bn. (Longtoms) (WWII) (Oct.-Arlington, Va.), Danny Tanous, 25 Knowles Rd., Watertown, MA 02172 (617) 484-7185.
- 37th Div. Vets Assn. (Sept.-Columbus, Ohio), Hdqtrs. Office, 37th Div. Vets Assn., 65 S. Front St., Rm. 707, Columbus, OH 43215 (614) 228-3788.
- 40th Cavalry Recon. Troop (WWII) (Aug.-Des Moines, Iowa), Edward Hunt, Box 68, Covington, GA 30209 (404) 786-7508.
- 41st Inf. Div. (Sept.-Kalispell, Mont.), 41st Reunion, c/o Lets Go, Outlaw Inn, 1701 Hwy. 93 S. Kalispell, MT 59901 (406) 755-8384.

- 44th Combat Engrs. (WWII) (Aug.-Lexington, Ky.), Lloyd Black, Box 143, Clarkesville, GA 30523.
- 46th Tank Bn., 13th Arm'd Div. (Sept.-Memphis, Tenn.), J.B. Teel, 1562 Champlin Dr., St. Louis, MO 63136 (314) 869-2821.
- 52d Medical Bn. (Oct.-Cortland, N.Y.), Arthur Midboe, 10 Kingsley Ct., Brick Town, NJ 08723 (201) 458-8349.
- 67th General Hospital (Sept.-Auburn, Maine), Florence Trask, 117 Spurwink Ave., Cape Elizabeth, ME 04107 (207) 799-3129.
- 69th Recon. Troop (Aug.-Steubenville, Ohio), Lewis Ellsworth, Rt. 1, Knoxville Rd., Steubenville, OH 43952 (614) 282-2327.
- 74th Engr. Co. (LP) (Oct.-St. Louis), George Walker, 317 Lorraine St., N. Bellmore, NY 11710 (516) 781-5518.
- 95th Med. Gas Treatment Bn. (Aug.-Toledo, Ohio), Walter Gantz, 829 Palm St., Scranton, PA 18505 (717) 347-9354.
- 110th Inf. Assn. (WWII) (Sept.-Washington, Pa.), Charles Chataway, 400 W. Main St., Monongahela, PA 15063 (412) 258-5900.
- 113th Ord. Co. (MM) (Sept.-West Point, N.Y.), Bill Smith, Box 146, Southold, NY 11971 (516) 765-3042.
- 119th Med. Bn., 44th Div. (Aug.-Cincinnati), Joseph Kennedy, 344 E. Mills Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45215.
- 121st QM Car. Co. (Oct.-York, Pa.), Harold Casper, 603 Village Rd., Rt. 1, Orwigsburg, PA 17961 (717) 366-2442.
- 126th, 173d F.A. Assn. (Oct.-Wausau, Wis.), Ed Klothe, Box 188, Medford, WI 54451 (715) 748-4843.
- 127th Inf. Assn. (32d Inf. Div) (Sept.-Neenah, Wis.), Ervin Steege, Jr., 593 Irish Rd., Neenah, WI 54956.
- 135d Inf. (WWII) (Oct.-Hot Springs, Ark.), Charles Mooris, 1616 S. Pierce St., Little Rock, AR 72201 (501) 663-5983.
- 160th F. A. Bn., 45th Inf. Div. (Sept.-Cecotah, Okla.), Joseph Cherry, 7445 E. 29th St., Tulsa, OK 74129 (918) 627-2063.
- 194th F.A. Bn., Grp. Hdqtrs., 18th F.A. (WWII) (Sept.-Amana, Iowa), Joe Rajcevic, 611 Owen St. NW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52405 (319) 396-8496.
- 200th QM Gasoline Supply Co. (October), Henry Moseley, Rt. 2, Box 104, Aiken, SC 29801.
- 203d CA (AA) Assn. (Sept.-Carthage, Mo.), Hugh Ware, 421 W. Madison, Apt. 911 Springfield, MO 65806.
- 216th Chemical Serv. Co. (Sept.-Denver), Ray Carlson, 3245 Scott Ave. N., Golden Valley, MN 55422 (612) 588-1212.
- 246th Coast Art. Assn. (Sept.-Natural Bridge, Va.), Ray Cross, 1209 Kerns Ave. SW, Roanoke, VA 24015 (703) 343-4085.
- 246th Signal Oper. Co. (WWII) (Aug.-Chattanooga, Tenn.), Johnnie Huggins, 30031 SW 169th Ave., Homestead, FL 33030.
- 251st Station Hospital (Sept.-Evansville, Ind.), Eugene Jines, 3035 W. Maryland, Evansville, IN 47712 (812) 424-6893.
- 303d F.A. Bn., 97th Inf. Div. (Oct.-Bella Vista, Ark.), J.W. Redding, 12017 Shirestone Ln., Dallas, TX 75234.
- 339th Inf. (Polar Bear Assoc.) (WWII) (Sept.-Bentonville, Ark.), Clayton Little, 307 NW 6th St., Bentonville, AR 72712.
- 352d Ord. Maint. Co. (WWII) (Aug.-Toledo, Ohio), William Rutkowski, 312 Majestic Dr., Toledo, OH 43608.
- 379th AAA (AW) Bn. (WWII) (Aug.-Roanoke, Va.), Charles

- Smith, 23 N. Holmes Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46222 (317) 636-9598.
- 389th Port Bn. Trans. Corps. (Sept.-Callicoon, N.Y.), Russell Carl, 710 Chimes Rd., Paramus, NJ 07652 (201) 445-0319.
- 455th Bomb. Sq. (M), 323d Bomb Gp. (ETO) (Oct.-Myrtle Beach, S.C.), Harry Hills, 265 Main St., Apt. 209, Ridgefield Park, NJ 07660.
- 505th Parachute Inf. Regt. (WWII) (Aug.-Detroit), Don Lassen, Box 87518, College Park, GA 30337.
- 550th Signal Base Depot Co. (Aug.-Chattanooga, Tenn.), Frank DeAngelo, 4316 NW 53rd St., Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33308 (305) 733-0990.
- 574th Mtr. Ambulance Co., (Co. B, 37th Med. Amb. Bn.) (Sept.-Richmond, Ind.), Roger Hawk, 29 Ruby Ave., Wilmington, OH 45177 (513) 382-3122.
- 607th Ord. Bn. (Sept.-Hinton, W.Va.), J.M. O'Bryan, Hix Rt., Hinton, WV 25951 (304) 466-3766.
- 645th AAA Machine Gun Btry. (CBI) (WWII) (Sept.-Madison, Ind.), Lowell Hannum, 1101 N. College Ave. Apt. 4, Bloomington, IN 47401 (812) 339-6066.
- 657th Engr. Topo Bn. (Oct.-Claysburg, Pa.), Galen Dively, Rt. 1, Claysburg, PA 16625 (814) 239-2253.
- 687th Engr. W.S. Co. (Aug.-Ft. Lewis, Wash.), Robert Chambers, 6420 Shady Lane Rd. SE, Olympia, WA 98506 (206) 456-6833.
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- 791st AAA A/W Bn. (Sept.-Milwaukee), Milton McRae, N89 W6846 Evergreen Ct. Apt. 104, Cedarburg, WI 53012 (414) 375-1292.
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- 861st Engr. AVN Bn. (England) (WWII) (Sept.-Geneva, N.Y.), E.J. Twobig, 180 E. Border Rd., Malden, MA 02148.
- 977th Engr. Maint. Co. (Aug.-Salem, Va.), Larry Britts, 245 Palm Ln., Cocoa Beach, FL 32931.
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- 3507th Ord. M.A.M. Co. (Sept.-Oak Lawn, Ill.), Valley Nitsche, 2828 W. 101st St., Evergreen Park, IL 60642 (312) 636-4216.
- 3527th Ord. M.A.M. Co. (WWII) (Sept.-Ft. Collins, Colo.), Floyd Cooper, 2520 N. US Hwy. 287, Ft. Collins, CO 80524.
- "C" Btry., 62d AA (WWII) (Oct.-Albany, N.Y.), E.F. Snyder, 1 Cooper, Greenwich, NY 12834 (518) 692-7885.
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- IV Corps Hdqtrs. Assn. (Oct.-Jupiter, Fla.), Anthony Batillo, 18





*Ioannis A. "Johnny" Lougaris—a Greek immigrant who came to this country and fought in WWI and who has served in a variety of Department and National Legion offices—has become one of the few living individuals to have a VA hospital named in his honor. Shown at the unveiling of the plaque signifying the designation of the Reno, Nev., VA hospital as the "Ioannis A. Lougaris VA Medical Center" are, from left, Dept. Cdr. Robert Mayhew, NECman Charles F. Langel, Lougaris, Gov. Robert List and alternate NECman Jack Howell.*

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## Commander's Message

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The scope and intensity of the VA&R program during the past year are indicative of what's to come. Given the size of the veteran population (over 26 million) and the climate that prevails in the nation with regard to veterans benefits, our work in this area cannot be expected to diminish. The task of seeing that the veteran receives what he's been promised can be counted upon to become more difficult, more demanding of our time and attention as—thankfully—Americans become more removed by time from the horror of war.

This same challenge has faced our legislative efforts. Defending priority veterans' programs has become a major part of our activities. During 1982 we were able to ward off most of the recommended budget cuts, including cuts in veterans medical care. I'm confident that during 1983, the overwhelming majority of recommended cuts in veterans benefits and services—totaling almost \$1.4 billion—can be successfully overcome.

Though much energy has been devoted to program funding and preservation, we've also aimed at other legislative initiatives with far reaching positive implications. For example, the enactment of PL 97-72 marked the successful conclusion of the Legion initiative to secure a three-year reauthorization of the Vietnam era readjustment counseling program. The new law also includes a two-year extension of eligibility for educationally disadvantaged and unskilled or unemployed Vietnam era veterans. These veterans can now pursue technical school training or on-the-job-training—both of which will help reduce the unemployment rate among Vietnam veterans.

Early on during the 97th Congress, the Legion came out strongly in support of HR 4, The Intelligence Identities Protection Act, as part of our commitment to a strong American intelligence community. That act has now become law and a strong intelligence community has grown stronger and resumed its rightful place as one of the essential bulwarks in the preservation of national security in the United States.

Another, much worked for piece of legislation, PL 97-174, officially establishes the VA as the primary back-up to the Department of Defense in cases of national emergency. PL 97-174 also created the legal vehicle for facilities



and resources sharing between DoD and the VA.

This has been a year of soul-searching and reappraisal for Americans concerned about the threats posed to our national security and the directions we should follow in pursuing our foreign relations. This year saw the Legion continuing its support for sufficient authorizations and money to provide our armed forces with the weapons they need to get the job done and for the quality of life aspects needed for our armed forces personnel.

Members of the National Security/Foreign Relations Division testified four times before the Senate and House Subcommittees in support of a G.I. Bill that would enhance recruitment and retention of highly qualified and experienced personnel in the services.

Considerable study and attention was also given to an examination of U.S. strategic interests in the area of the Caribbean Basin, which provided the basis for resolutions adopted by the NEC on El Salvador, Central America and the Caribbean Basin.

In her second address at the Washington Conference, United Nations Ambassador Jeane Kirkpatrick stated that "Central America is the most important place in this world for the United States today." In the past year, The American Legion has recognized that fact. With your cooperation, my fellow Legionnaires, we've come a long way in educating our countrymen on this issue.

This past year also saw the successful culmination of a campaign that was very dear to me. I'm speaking of our commitment of \$1 million to see the Vietnam Veterans Memorial built in Washington, D.C. I knew we would raise the money. I was not prepared, however, for the incredible energy and determination shown by the broad spectrum of Legionnaires who worked day and night to see our pledge become a reality. And I marveled at the sincerity of commitment of those who took time to send along messages of support and encouragement with their donations. Thus, even though I will not be your National Commander when the monument is dedicated this Veterans' Day, no one will attend that dedication with greater pride and appreciation than I.

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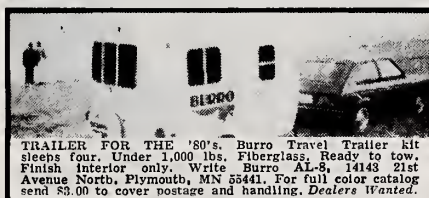
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were identified. Working through Department officers and Children & Youth chairmen, the National Children & Youth Commission asked each Department to review—and either establish or upgrade as necessary—state level legislation regarding mandatory reporting of Reye's Syndrome cases, elimination of the drug paraphernalia industry, and strict laws and severe penalties to deter the criminal acts of child pornographers and sexual abusers of children.

In a few Departments, negotiations are now in progress with hospitals to establish Infant Hearing Assessment programs. In the meantime, The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation, Inc., in its 28th year of operation, awarded a record \$175,480 to 12 non-profit organizations to assist children and youth. These awards took the foundation over the \$1 million mark in grants distributed to help solve problems faced by children and youth in our society.

"Special consideration for veterans," this year, became more than an empty phrase for the first time. Since 1974, we've been trying to get the Small Business Administration to implement special consideration for veterans, with little success. However, due to direct and intense Legion pressure over the past year, that agency has now implemented a new and more responsive veterans program.

With veteran employment we have seen the newly created position of Assistant Secretary of Veterans Employment filled within the Department of Labor and the rise of independence of that office to a position of visibility and prominence. Further, during a time of budget and staff cuts, we successfully preserved all programs identified by mandated positions, as well as kept full funding for each. Since the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act is due soon to expire, we have begun extra efforts to ensure that veterans have their own employment training program in whatever replaces it.

I wish I could report to you, my fellow Legionnaires, that this past year has been marked by an unbroken string of Legion success stories. But I cannot in good faith without diluting the struggles we face in the future. There are those in this land—although loyal and sincere—who've counseled a return to the isolationism and protectionism that have marked the prelude to every

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World War in our history. There are those—in the name of peace—who would encourage this nation to go belly-up and invite the horrors of war they so fervently condemn.

Ignorance of history is a terrible, indiscriminate weapon against the search for peace and stability. No one strives harder for that peace than America's veterans. No one prays more fervently for an end to war than we who have faced America's enemies on the world's battlefields. And we must always remember that no American has a greater right to speak in defense of this great land than that American who has fought in defense of this land.

As I end my year as your National Commander, I do so with greater faith in this great land of ours than I have ever felt. I leave with a sense of wonder at how truly blessed we—and all champions of peace—are in God's eyes. And I leave with more pride than I could ever hope to express: pride in being an American, pride in being one of God's creatures and pride—so very much pride—in being a Legionnaire.

God bless each of you.

## American Legion Life Insurance Month Ending May 31, 1982

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May 31, 1982 .....	\$1,591,209.05
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January, 1982 .....	\$ 6,417.34
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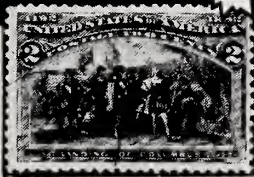
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# The Contest For Freedom

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them the technology, loans and other means needed to avoid the crises of their Marxist mismanagement. It also appears that the West may oblige.

**Third: Soviet Energy Vulnerability.** Their specific energy problems are different from ours, although we both are leading energy producers. Experts differ and argue over when the Soviets may become net importers rather than exporters. CIA estimates have now postponed that date beyond the mid-1980s. The Soviet problem remains, however, in lack of capital, technology and transportation for developing their vast Siberian storehouse. Here the Soviets look to the Japanese for help, despite the menacing Soviet naval build up in the Sea of Japan and the military forces they maintain in the Kurile Islands, which actually belong to the Japanese. What the Soviets need is cheaper energy, either through the West footing the production bill or by gaining effective control over the Persian Gulf area where Saudi crude oil is plentiful. Throughout the 1980s, the Soviets face economic crises at home. Since they will not reform their totalitarian system, cheaper and more abundant energy might give them a way out of these vulnerabilities.

**Fourth: Soviet Nationalism Vulnerability.** It is easy to forget that half the population of the Soviet Union is non-Slavic. Russians are an even smaller percentage of the Soviet population. When the Revolution came in 1917, one of the many unfulfilled promises of the Marxists was establishment of self-determination for the nationalities that the Czar ruled. This has never taken place. The nationalities are one skeleton in the Soviet closet that will haunt the communists throughout the 1980s.

The Polish crisis is a warning sign to the Soviets of what may happen again and again in Eastern Europe as economic difficulties increase. Thus the Soviets fear encirclement by satellite nations running from Eastern Europe to Afghanistan, and with special concern over Communist China, which is no friend of the Soviet Union. Actually, 20 percent of Soviet military strength is devoted to the Sino-Soviet border.

The nationalist problem is exacerbated by deep cultural and religious trends that run counter to communism. This applies, coincidentally, even within the Slavic areas. The great Russian

writer Fyodor Dostoevsky once said that if a man is not a Russian orthodox, he is not a Russian.

Today Christianity runs strong, not only in Poland—with the highest Roman Catholic percentage in the world—but in the Baltic Republics, Romania and the Ukraine. Elsewhere there is a surge of Christian fundamentalism. The Muslim areas offer an even greater challenge to the Soviets. They have not accepted cultural assimilation and, religiously, the Soviets have feared that the militant fundamentalism of Iran and Afghanistan might spill over to the Soviet Muslim area.

**Fifth: Soviet Demographic Vulnerability.** This problem stems from the previous vulnerability. The population of Muslim areas is increasing more rapidly than in the Slavic areas. If current trends continue, Muslims will form one-third of the population by the year 2000. Today, non-Russians about equal the Russians. The demographic trends offer problems for the Soviets in a wide range of areas. Today, 10 of 14 Politburo members are from Russian nations. The Soviets will have to adapt to an increasing portion of the armed forces being non-Russian.

**Sixth: Soviet Leadership Vulnerability.** The problem of leadership succession and the turnover of power remains a difficult one for the Soviets and, here again, this vulnerability is directly related to previous ones. Today's leadership is aged—Brezhnev at 75, and his potential successors in his general age bracket. The next leadership group will face the problems of the five foregoing vulnerabilities—along with the questions of military adventurism outside of their current hegemony and military intervention in rebelling satellites. There may be some who, like Khrushchev, favor some genuine liberalization, but Poland dramatically illustrates how liberalization can threaten Marxist totalitarianism and Soviet control. So their leadership is caught in a trap.

This spills over to the *Seventh Soviet Vulnerability*, which is greatest: *the freer flow of information and ideas.* As Russia strives to be an industrial power in competition with the United States, its managers, scientists, engineers and doctors seek more and more information from the West. They listen to foreign broadcasts—such as BBC, VOA and Radio Liberty. As for Eastern Europe, over 80 percent of the adult

population listens to Radio Free Europe. The role of communication had been key to Lenin's rise to power, whether through pamphlets or newspapers or broadcasting. Once in power, censorship and thought control were key to the apparatus of authority.

Now communication has been turned against them, whether in *samizdat* underground publishing or international broadcasts. The glue of empire is being dissolved by communicating the truth.

Those are the seven U.S. and the seven Soviet vulnerabilities.

The Soviets have created only two of our seven vulnerabilities; we have the power to correct all of ours during the 1980s, but it remains to be seen whether we will have the leadership and will to do so. Their dilemma is that they cannot possibly correct their vulnerabilities and remain Marxists.

The greatest danger of all is that their syndrome of crises will set in and they will seek foreign adventure or blackmail as a way out—to get cheap Persian oil, to have a showdown in West Berlin, to drive a wedge between West Europe and America—to capitalize on trends toward neutralism and the "contradiction" in our democracies.

This is why it is absolutely critical that our preparedness and capabilities be increased rapidly, that our alliances be revitalized and that our economic vulnerabilities be closed so that there will be the continuing political support for a "long haul" defense program. The United States faces an unparalleled set of challenges in the 1980s, where our role as a great power is at stake and, also, the peace of the world.

We and our 18 allies, including Australia and New Zealand, have twice the population and four times the GNP of the Warsaw Pact. Thus with a proper strategy, organization and leadership, the defense of democracies should be no problem.

The great English historian, Arnold Toynbee, wrote that every great nation and civilization rises with challenge—and then inevitably rides on its oars. Then comes another challenge—if it doesn't meet it, it declines. If it meets it, it goes on to a new era of greatness.

I, for one, believe the post-Vietnam, post-Watergate self-flagellation and self-doubt have given way to a demand for leadership and a willingness to meet the challenge. It is just in time.





## Letters

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Over a period of several years my father was twice removed from a Veteran's Hospital to nursing homes where he suffered severe physical and mental anguish. It is *not* cost effective to send our veterans to nursing facilities. Please continue to speak out on the need for our veterans hospitals. This nation must provide our veterans with the right to live out their lives in decency and dignity.

MARVIN SCARBOROUGH  
Eastman, Ga.

## Ap Bac

• Re: Lawrence Cortesi's article "Two Who Dared At Ap Bac" (June), I'd sure like to see that "60mm" machine gun that Sgt. Keller was packing! It must have been one big son of a gun—both Sgt. Keller *and* the machine gun. The author obviously meant to refer to the M60, a 7.62mm machine gun.

JAMES C. SNODDY  
Bloomington, Ind.

• Thank you for the fine article "Two Who Dared At Ap Bac." The story of those two brave young soldiers deserves the attention of the American public. Please accept my appreciation for doing your part in seeing their story is told.

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## Independence

• The magazine is a fine blend of current events and timely feature articles. Of special interest and pleasurable reading was Gary Bousman's "Signing Of The Declaration of Independence" (July). Such presentation of little known facts about this historic occasion gives a new perspective to the history of our nation.

JOHN B. ANDERSON  
Stevens Point, Wis.

## Terrorism

• The warning tocsin sounded in Jerome Chandler's "Terrorism: A Case Of False Security" (July), should alert us to help prevent the loss of the freedoms gained long ago, culminating in the signing of our Declaration of Independence, also featured in this issue.

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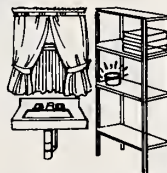
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## Nostalgia a la mode

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There's no dispute that Christian Nelson invented the Eskimo Pie in 1919 in Onawa, Iowa. He is said to have told friends that he got the idea when he overheard a youngster say, "I want both an ice cream and a candy bar, but I've only got a nickel." Nelson was struggling with the production and sale of his invention when he joined forces with Russell Stover in 1921; the ice cream bar then caught the fancy of the nation and sales soared. Stover used his share of the profits from that venture to start the candy company now bearing his name.

So great was the popularity of ice cream during the '20s and '30s that new ways of serving it sprang up on every hand. Some of those ideas never got off the ground, but the Dixie Cup and Dixie Sundae, which appeared in 1921, caught on almost immediately and launched the wax-coated cup industry. In 1930, the drumstick—ice cream shaped like a chicken leg and covered with chocolate nuts—appeared and was an instant success.

What's it made of, then, this frozen treat that must be on the menu at every picnic and birthday party? Basically, it's a blend of milk, cream, eggs, sugar and fruit or flavorings. The National Dairy Council says nonfat milk solids are added to most commercial varieties to round out the flavor and to lend a smooth, compact texture. Stabilizers, such as gelatin, guar gum and pectin are added to prevent formation of coarse ice crystals. Another additive is an emulsifier that allows liquids to combine smoothly and improves whipping qualities. Since ice cream is as much as 30 percent air, the whipping process performed during freezing is an important part of the manufacture of quality ice cream.

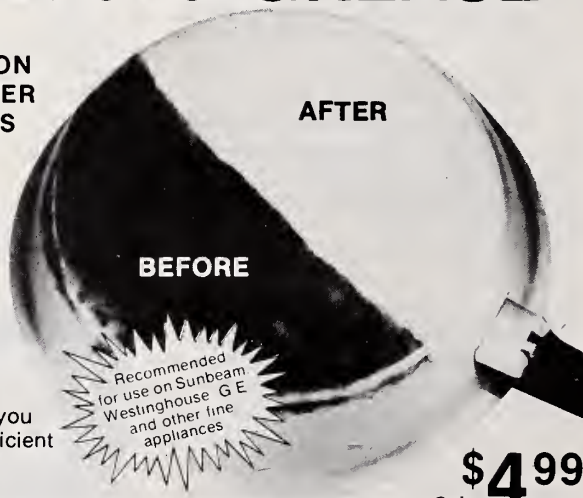
At his old-time ice cream stand in Los Angeles's famous Farmers' Market, Bob Gill, whose dad started the business 45 years ago, stirs up ice cream in 10-gallon batches. In his freezer he blends fresh fluid cream, pure cane sugar, a dash of salt, a commercial stabilizer and a host of imaginative natural flavorings. Into his peach mixture, one of the most popular of the 38 he serves, he stirs chopped dry apricots to impart a slight tang to the creamy finished product. Another favorite with his customers is custard ice cream, or French vanilla, containing egg yolks. Gill recommends that type as the one to be made at home. "It'll be creamier," he says,

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"than varieties without eggs." He explains that ice cream must be held at about 25 degrees below zero—an impossibility in a home freezer—to keep it from becoming grainy.

Stored at zero degrees, ice cream will retain much of its quality for about two months. If it's too hard to serve when you take it from the freezer, let it sit in the refrigerator about 30 minutes. When you spoon it from the container, keep the top of the cream as level as possible to avoid exposing more of it to the air. Press a sheet of plastic film directly on the surface before you return it to the freezer.

There are dozens of unusual ways to include ice cream in your diet. Add a scoop of eggnog flavor to a glass of milk and process in the blender for a few minutes; top a bowl of cereal with a scoop of strawberry or vanilla; put a creamy globe of chocolate ripple on pancakes or a waffle; make a sandwich with any favorite flavor wedged between graham crackers or nut bread. Refreeze before serving.

No matter what goes into it or how it's eaten, ice cream is the closest thing we have to a natural food. It's almost always on hand at youthful celebrations and often at adult ones, as well. In 1921, the Commissioner of Ellis Island, receiving station for newcomers to this country, directed that all immigrants be treated to dishes of ice cream as part of their first meals in their new land. J. Ackerman Coles, a lover of ice cream, included in his will a provision that established a trust fund for the children of his town. Each year that fund would treat the youngsters of Scotch Plains, N.J., to an ice cream cone in his memory.

Kids in Scotch Plains, however, aren't the only ones to whom ice cream means happy memories. Who doesn't cherish the recollection of a holiday drive that included a stop for ice cream cones, or a frolic at the beach with drumsticks melting sweetly on parched tongues? What do you remember of a Sunday school picnic besides the wash tub full of dry ice that yielded Dixie cups so cold they burnt your fingers? Does your favorite memory of youth combine your first ball game and your first Eskimo Pie? Or your first date with your first soda? Scarcely another food in the American diet is so intricately laced with nostalgia as ice cream. It's not just a sweet treat, but a blend of happy memories and good eating. ☼

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## Timesharing:

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"Consumers should consider 'exchange' the icing on the cake rather than the cake itself," Matusow says. "And the odds on your exchanging are better if you buy some situation that you want to exchange into. For example, if you're looking to exchange into high season, you should buy in high season. Don't think you can pay \$2,500 for an off-season week and then trade that for a ski week in Vail in January. It's possible but not probable. The only actual restriction we have is that you cannot trade up, say from a two bedroom to a four bedroom. Our best advice, then, is that if you're going to buy, buy what you want where you want to go, and buy the season that you want to go in."

And read that contract in its entirety *before* you sign it, Hugh Owen warns. "Time after time they'll call me on Monday or Tuesday morning saying they went into this place Saturday afternoon and signed up lock, stock and barrel. Then when they got home and got to reading all the documents they didn't like what they had bought and want to cancel. Naturally, they have signed the recision waiver and can't cancel."

Many times people trying to get out of their contracts have no real complaint other than they just don't want it. What happened was they looked at the project, saw the film about exchange companies, and got caught up in the fairy tale of being able to buy a \$4,000 week and trading it for a \$10,000 week somewhere else in the world. Then they went home and realized it's going to cost them \$2,500 just to get there and back. They can't afford to do that, so they're ashamed that they entered into this agreement so quickly.

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Timesharing can be a dream come true, or a nightmare realized—it all depends on the buyer. Rush into a contract at the peak of emotion and you may regret your impulsiveness for many years to come. Shop wisely and read the contract—perhaps, even, with the advice of legal counsel—and you stand an excellent chance of living your dream vacation...year after year.

## Best And Worst Job In Sports

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Of course, Stengel was exaggerating—you can win at times during a career, which acts as the main motivating factor in persevering and enduring punishment. A protégé of Stengel, Billy Martin, is a thoroughgoing example. "Battling Billy," a bitter, last-ditch fighter, has driven teams to division crowns at Minnesota, Detroit and New York and finished second with the Texas Rangers—only to be uncoupled by his employers from all four positions. Today—working for the Oakland Athletics—his fifth stop in 11 seasons—he's the only leader to have an aggressive, error-forcing style of play named for him—"Billy Ball."

"I've been accused of everything from being too hardnosed to too emotional to too quick to take a swing at somebody," acknowledges 54-year-old Martin. "Still, with all my ups and downs, somebody always wants to hire me. As long as that's true, I'll take the bad with the good and tough it out," meaning that to him the existing employment market and the satisfaction outweigh the headaches.

As belligerent as they come, Martin roars and kicks dust on officials and has been suspended and fined \$1,000 for bombastic behavior. But he never stops plotting shrewd moves that confound the opposition. One afternoon recently, Martin flashed the "steal home" sign twice and also a triple-steal signal (three baserunners going at once). There are no more difficult maneuvers than these. Martin's baserunners slid in safely on each gambling occasion.

As recompense for getting fired, a cerebral strategist of Martin's caliber needn't wait long for a new offer. After his 1975 beheading at Detroit, he was named manager at Texas within one week. Dumped by Texas, he took over the New York Yankees 11 days later.

Heaping blame and abuse and an occasional beer container on the skipers can be harmful to their health. Powerfully built Gil Hodges was struck by a heart attack while running the New York Mets in 1968. Hodges admitted, "I'm full of tension." He died in harness soon after. During spring training of 1980, Milwaukeeans mourned George Bamberger's collapse. The Brewers' manager had turned a beaten team into a champion. Genial, 55-year-old Bamberger was felled by a heart attack, with bypass surgery following.

But Bamberger's back in action this

season, managing the New York Mets, and takes the buoyant view, "If I could ride out a bad ticker once, I'm not worrying. The Mets haven't won big since 1973—it'll be fun to see what I can do with the good new talent on hand."

Some would regard this as risky, since "Number One" (the manager) is at his clubhouse desk or on the firing line an average of 12 hours for each of 162 games amid excitement calculated to send blood pressure leaping. Yet "fun" is an element which overrides caution with many. Seldom have the Einsteins of the dugout placed their health first. One of the few who did was Eddie Sawyer, with the basement-stuck Philadelphia Phils. When the Phils lost the first game of the 1960 season, he quit. "I'm 49," said Sawyer, "and I want to live to be 50. I wouldn't wish this job on a dog."

"Even when you produce a hot contender, you're vulnerable," says Don Zimmer, fired at San Diego in 1973, let go by the Boston Red Sox in 1980 and now bossing the Texas Rangers. "I spent five years in Boston and we finished second twice, and third three



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times. All that got me was a roasting. The Fenway Park booing was so bad that it frightened my wife. Me too—until I learned to live with it."

If any current pilot epitomizes the front office's habit of making a sacrificial goat of a first-class operator, it's Richard Hirshfeld "Dick" Williams. Burly and mustached, Williams has the fifth highest win-loss percentage of active managers (.531), gained through 1,075 victories in 14 campaigns. Nevertheless, he's been pink-slipped or pressured into resigning in four cities. "At one stage, in 1973, I was so frustrated that I decided to get out of the game," says Williams. "Even though I'd just



won the world championship."

Pitching and defense win pennants, believes Williams, as he demonstrated with the Boston Red Sox in 1967, at a point when the Bosox hadn't brought home a flag in 21 years. Rookie boss Williams immediately, in '67, steered them to the American League title. Two seasons later, his best hitters, Carl Yastremski and George Scott, fell a combined 127 points off their previous batting averages and key pitchers failed. "That was my fault, of course, and I was out," says Williams. Moving to Oakland in 1971, he became the toast of the major leagues—sweeping three straight Western Division flags and two World Series.

"I've never seen better managing than Dick's," testifies top star Reggie Jackson, playing then for Oakland. "We took six World Series games from Cincinnati and the Mets by scores of 2-1 and 3-2. Dick was thinking ahead of the other side all the way."

Despite these feats, shortly after his second World Series conquest, Dick Williams once more hit the road. His departure was hastened by tempestuous Oakland owner Charles Finley. "I couldn't stand Finley's interference with my job any longer," Williams states. "Not when he pulled one of my players off the field during the World Series and sent him home all because he'd made a couple of errors."

Disgustedly, Williams announced he was through with the diamond. He changed his mind to take over a second-rate California Angels Club, where, before long, he was fired. In 1977, Williams unpacked his bags at Montreal. In mid-season of 1981 when the Expos slumped, he was asked to leave—after which the team he'd shaped went on to win their division and reach a World Series playoff, the best performance in Expo history. At San Diego this season, 53-year-old Williams is still plying his trade. San Diego, the fifth stop for him on the merry-go-round in 15 summers, will be—he hopes—his last.

So, in the best and the worst occupation in American athletics, tough men can take the knocks and live with what they've got. As Bob Lemon, dismissed by the Yankees for the second time last April, sees it, "Whatever happens, you can always say you played an important part in the highest league there is. For a while, you were the Big Guy."

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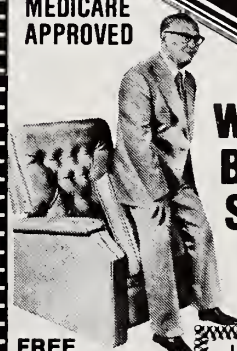
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# Parting Shots



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## Up and Away

A cub reporter on his first foreign assignment wired home to his editor: "I've just received press pass to cover international conference—a feather in my cap." Then a few days later: "Just received okay for interview with head of conference—another feather in my cap." Not long after came another cable: "Press pass rescinded. Send money for plane fare."

The editor cabled back: "Use feathers—fly home."

—HENRY E. LEABO

## What Else?

A little girl and her mother had shopped in the department store all day. As they made their last purchase and prepared to leave, a hostess handed the child a lollipop. "What do you say?" prompted mother.

"Charge it," the little one replied.

—GEORGE E. BERGMAN

The youngster had to have a physical examination before entering school. The doctor asked him, "Do you have any trouble with your ears or nose?"

"Yes," the child replied. "They are always in the way when I take off my T-shirt."

—KAREN CONNELL

## Security Blankets

Celebrities are people who turn their youthful indiscretions into best sellers that support them in their old age.

—EDWARD STEVENSON

## Torrid Forecast

After a week of steaming hot weather, the minister announced to the congregation that he would preach the shortest sermon ever, which he delivered as follows: "If you think it's hot here—just wait!"

—H.E. MILLHAM

## Sure Sign

After an especially boring first-aid lecture at an air force base, the instructor asked, "Now, what is the symptom of brain damage?"

From the back of the room came the quick reply, "A desire to re-enlist."

—GEORGE L. WINTERS

## Fools In The Fast Lane

Those folks who lose perspective on Their upward mobile trip, Forget that on life's radar screen They're just another blip.

—MARY M. DeANGELIS

"I know, I know," the secretary said when she saw the new computer. "It's supposed to replace 12 men—but I'd rather have the men."

—JOHN A. DAVOREN

## Hopeful Riddance

Upon returning to her classroom the teacher found the children sitting quietly at their desks. Since this was unusual, she asked them for an explanation.

Rather hesitantly one little girl said, "Well, you once told us that if you ever left the room and came back to find us sitting perfectly still, you'd drop dead."

—BRYAN COGHLAN

## Bilingual Haven

A mother mouse was out for a walk with her five babies when a big cat suddenly appeared. The little ones hid behind their mother, who stood her ground and began to bark loudly, "Arf! Arf!" This frightened the cat, which turned and fled. Turning to her offspring, the mother mouse said:

"Now, children, that should teach you the value of knowing a second language."

—ALFRED C. COLLINS

People can be divided into three groups: Those who make things happen, those who watch things happen, and those who wonder what happened.

—ILLINOIS LEGION

## Cuss Budget

A budget is something  
Without a doubt,  
That to stay within  
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—RUTH M. WALSH



*"You're not going to leave the last piece?"*

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